



CODE OF RESEARCH ETHICS
Subscribed to and Adopted by the
University of Arizona Faculty Senate
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for

University of Arizona Faculty and Research Personnel

We the members of the University of Arizona (UofA) faculty and UofA researchers (hereafter: research community) are engaged in the quest for knowledge, in scholarly and artistic pursuits (hereafter: research) with the ultimate goal of benefiting humankind. Our quest is founded on the fundamental principles of honesty and trust.

The UofA research community pledges, by the adoption of this code, to engage in the responsible practice of research, required for keeping such trust, by adhering to and being accountable for the following principles and practices.

I. In fulfilling our obligation to the public as a whole, we expect that all individuals within the UofA research community shall:

promote and follow research and professional practices that enhance the public interest and well-being;

use public and private funds responsibly in the pursuit of research endeavors;

adhere to government and institutional regulations for research such as those ensuring the welfare of human subjects, the welfare of fellow researchers, the comfort and humane treatment of animal subjects and the protection of the public and the environment; and

report research findings resulting from public and private funding in a full, open, and timely fashion to the relevant research community;

II. In fulfilling our obligations to our colleagues, we expect that all individuals within the UofA research community shall

have actually carried out experiments, projects and other scholarly activity in the manner reported;

represent their best understanding of the work in their descriptions and analyses of it;

accurately describe experimental methods utilized in sufficient detail to help insure their repeatability by others;

share unique propagative materials developed through publicly-funded research with others in the field in a reasonable fashion;

not report the work of others as if it were their own; strive to insure that due recognition is given where credit is due to collaborators including students and trainees;

adequately summarize previous relevant work and ideas with proper attribution to those who pioneered the work;

when acting as reviewers or editors, treat submitted manuscripts and grant applications confidentially and refrain from inappropriate use; and

disclose financial and other interests that might present a conflict-of-interest, and make every effort to avoid such conflicts perceived or real.

III. In fulfilling obligations to students and trainees, we expect that all individuals within the UofA research community shall

provide training and experience to advance the students' and trainees' scholarly skills and their understanding of the importance of ethical practice and behavior;

provide appropriate support in advancing the careers of students and trainees;

recognize publicly and appropriately the scholarly contributions of the trainees;

encourage and support the publication of results of trainees' research in a timely fashion without undisclosed limitations; and

work together to create and maintain a working environment that is safe and that encourages individual integrity, plurality, open communications, and fairness without regard to gender, race or belief.