

Code of Conduct for Scientists at Hokkaido University

Science and scientific research are vital for safeguarding a peaceful and safe society and ensuring a fair and prosperous future for everyone, and the development of scientific technology and research activities based on the subjective judgments of scientists can achieve social recognition only after earning the trust of and a mandate from society. Therefore, scientists must maintain transparency in their research activities, ensure accountability to society and always be aware that they are required to have strict and high ethical standards. “Scientists” referred to here mean researchers and professionals who are engaged in activities to create new knowledge or in the utilization of scientific knowledge in all academic fields, ranging from cultural and social sciences to natural sciences.

Based on this understanding, Hokkaido University shall declare that all scientists conducting research activities at the university shall conduct such activities in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Scientists developed by the Science Council of Japan (October 3, 2006) and hereby establish its code of conduct.

- Scientists shall not only refrain themselves from any misconduct, such as fabrication, falsification or plagiarism, but also refrain from aiding or abetting such misconduct in drafting, planning, applying for, implementing and reporting their own research.
- Scientists must store experiment and survey records and other research data appropriately to ensure the transparency and accountability of their research activities.
- Scientists must be acutely conscious of the fact that the research they conduct should satisfy the mandate given to them by society, and that they must observe all laws and regulations and relevant rules in their activities, including the implementation of research and the use of research funds.