

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology declares its fundamental principle to be Mission Oriented Research and Education giving Synergy in Endeavors toward a Sustainable Earth (MORE SENSE). The University's goal is to contribute to the development of science and technology that fosters world peace and harmonizes society with the natural environment, and to strive to generate knowledge and educate human resources who can be problem solvers. To this end, the University engages in education and research in the kind of agriculture, engineering, and areas shared by these disciplines that support social development.

Scientific technology can contribute to the realization of social prosperity by way of sound development and progress. Researchers have a responsibility to elucidate this potential to communities. In this, they are required to consciously participate in building and maintaining a healthy relationship between science and society, and at the same time maintain strict impartiality in their endeavors.

This Code of Conduct for Researchers is enacted in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Scientists established by the Science Council of Japan.

1. Responsibilities of Researchers

Researchers shall recognize that they are responsible for assuring the quality of the specialized knowledge and skills that they themselves create, and for using their expert knowledge, skills and experience to contribute to the health and welfare of humankind, the safety and security of society and the sustainability of the global environment.

2. Conduct of Researchers

Researchers shall recognize that scientific autonomy is upheld by public trust and the mandate of the people, and shall always make judgments and act with honesty and integrity. Moreover, researchers shall make the utmost effort to scientifically and objectively demonstrate the accuracy and validity of the knowledge they create through scientific research, and shall actively participate in mutual quality assurance such as peer reviews in the scientific community, especially in their respective fields of expertise.

3. Continuous Professional Development

As well as endeavoring to maintain and improve their own expertise and abilities, researchers shall constantly strive to understand the relationships between science, technology, society and the natural environment from a wide-ranging perspective, and to demonstrate the best judgments and attitudes at all times.

4. Accountability and Disclosure

Researchers shall strive to disclose and actively explain the roles and significance of their own research, evaluate the possible effects of their research on people, society and the environment as well as the changes that their research might engender, neutrally and objectively disclose the results of this evaluation, and build a constructive dialog with society.

5. Research Activities

Researchers shall act with integrity according to the spirit of this Code of Conduct in drafting, planning, applying for, implementing and reporting their own research, ensure that research and survey data are recorded, stored and rigorously handled, and not only refrain from any misconduct such as fabrication, falsification or plagiarism, but also refrain from aiding or abetting such misconduct.

6. Establishing Sound Research Environments

Researchers shall recognize that establishing and maintaining fair research environments where responsible research can be conducted is an important duty, and shall actively work to improve the quality of research environments in the scientific community and their own institutions. Moreover, they shall also endeavor to obtain

the understanding and cooperation of the public in achieving these goals.

7. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

Researchers shall observe all laws, regulations and relevant rules in their activities, including the implementation of research and the use of research funds.

8. Consideration for Research Subjects

Researchers shall respect the dignity and rights of individuals who cooperate with their research, and shall safeguard and give proper consideration to their welfare. They shall also treat animals and other research subjects with all due care and respect.

9. Relations with Others

Researchers shall constructively criticize the results of other researchers' research, humbly listen to criticism of their own research, and exchange opinions with an attitude of sincerity. Moreover, they shall give proper credit to other researchers' intellectual findings and achievements, and respect the honor and intellectual property rights of others.

10. Rejection of Discrimination

In their research, education and academic society activities, researchers shall respond to others fairly on a scientific basis, respect individual freedom and character, and not discriminate against individuals based on such factors as their race, gender, status, beliefs or religion.

11. Avoiding Conflicts of Interest

In their research, reviews, evaluations, judgments and other scientific activities, researchers shall pay sufficient heed to any conflicts of interest between individuals and organizations, or between different organizations, and shall properly address problems, paying all due attention to the public interest.