

## JAIST Code of Conduct for Researchers

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Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the “JAIST”) has adopted a Code of Conduct for all those who perform research activities in JAIST (hereinafter referred to as the “Researchers”) in order to ensure trust and fairness of academic research in JAIST.

### **Responsibilities of Researchers**

1. Researchers should 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.

### **Actions of Researchers**

2. Researchers should be aware that the autonomy of science is built on society’s trust in them. They should always act with honesty and integrity, endeavoring to maintain and improve their own expertise, abilities, and skills. Researchers should make the utmost effort to scientifically and objectively demonstrate the accuracy and validity of the knowledge they create through scientific research, and participate in evaluations of researchers in their own fields and in the research community.

### **Self-Improvement**

3. Researchers should make efforts to improve and maintain their technical knowledge, skills and techniques; to understand the relationship of Science and Technology to society and the natural environment; and to always show their best judgment and attitude.

### **Explanation and Publication**

4. Researchers should publicize and actively explain the purpose and importance of their research, evaluate the impact of their research on society and the environment, publish their results objectively, and make efforts to build constructive communication with society.

### **Research Activities**

5. Researchers should follow the Code and act sincerely on the process for proposals, plans, applications, implementations, and reports. Researchers should keep research and survey data and follow strict protocols for handling them. They must not perform or assist in fraudulent activities such as a fabrication, a plagiarism and misappropriation.

### **Improvement of Research Environment**

6. Researchers should recognize that they have a responsibility to establish and maintain fair environments that promote the responsible conduct of research and prevention of research misconduct. Researchers should actively work on quality improvement in their research community or in the research environment of their own affiliations. In order to achieve that, researchers should make efforts to gain society's understanding and cooperation.

### **Compliance**

7. Researchers must comply with all applicable laws and regulations for conducting research and using research funds.

### **Research Subjects**

8. Researchers should respect the personalities and rights of research participants, and consider their welfare. All efforts should be made to minimize suffering of animals during the course of their experimentation and to use as few as is necessary.

### **Relationships with Other Researchers**

9. Researchers should appropriately criticize research results of other researchers. At the same time, researchers should listen to criticism against their research and exchange opinions with a sincere attitude. Researchers should evaluate the work of other researchers justly and respect their intellectual properties.

### **Elimination of Discrimination**

10. Researchers must not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, sex, status, beliefs, or religion in research, educational and academic meeting activities. Researchers should deal fairly with any individual on the basis of merits and respect their liberty and personal choices.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

11. Researchers should fully pay attention to conflicts of interest between an individual and an organization, or among different organizations over their research, examinations, evaluations and decisions. Researchers should consider disclosing any potential conflicts of interest and deal with them appropriately.

### **Notes:**

This "JAIST Code of Conduct for Researchers" is an English translation of the official document in Japanese. If there should be any differences between the original document in Japanese and its translation into English, the original Japanese takes precedence.