

## **Code of Conduct for the Research Activities at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies**

Research activities carried out at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) must be implemented in accordance with the following code of conduct.

(Responsibilities of Researchers)

1. Persons involved in research at GRIPS (hereinafter referred to as “Researchers”) have a responsibility to ensure the quality of expert knowledge and technologies that they themselves generate, as well as to fully utilize their expert knowledge, technologies, and insight to contribute to the health and welfare of humanity, the safety and security of society, and sustainability of the global environment.

(Conduct of Researchers)

2. Researchers shall conduct themselves honestly and in good faith, being fully aware that scientific autonomy is dependent on the trust and mandate of society. Furthermore, Researchers shall make every effort to scientifically demonstrate the accuracy and legitimacy of knowledge generated through their scientific research.

(Disclosure)

3. Researchers shall proactively explain the significance and social implication of the research in which they are involved; evaluate the effects and/or changes that the research could exert on humanity, society, and the environment; publicly disclose the results of the research neutrally and objectively, and strive to build constructive dialogue with society.

(Research Activities)

4. Researchers shall conduct themselves in good faith in accordance with the purpose of this code of conduct in the process of planning, grant-seeking, implementing, and reporting with regard to their research. They shall be thorough in storing, maintaining, and carefully handling research and survey records, and shall neither undertake nor take part in unethical conduct such as fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism.

(Maintenance of the Research Environment)

5. Researchers shall be aware that one of their important duties is the establishment and maintenance of a fair research environment that facilitates the implementation of responsible research and the prevention of unethical conduct. Furthermore, Researchers shall work proactively to improve the quality of the research environment of the organization to which they belong. To achieve this, they shall also make efforts to gain understanding and cooperation of society at large.

(Compliance with Laws and Ordinances)

6. Researchers shall comply with all relevant laws, ordinances, and rules in carrying out their

research and/or utilizing research funds.

(Consideration of Research Subjects, etc.)

7. Researchers shall respect the individuality and rights of human subjects participating in the research and be considerate of their well-being.

(Conflict of Interests)

8. In their research, examinations, evaluations, and decision-making, Researchers shall take adequate care to avoid conflicts of interest with other individuals and organizations while striving to serve greater good.

(Duties of Administrative Personnel)

9. Administrative personnel shall understand that Researchers are carrying out their research in accordance with this code of conduct and provide support to Researchers in complying with related laws, ordinances, and rules.