

Policy Title: BSGP Student Code of Professional Conduct

As a graduate student member of the biomedical community, I accept responsibility and hold myself to the highest standards of conduct. I will also support my colleagues in upholding these standards, which include professional behavior in academic study, laboratory research, scholarly endeavors, and other professional activities. I commit to the following:

Personal and Professional Responsibility

- I will strive to become an honest, responsible and compassionate member of the biomedical profession. I will demonstrate personal conduct that reflects positively on the biomedical research profession and the UNM School of Medicine.
- I will demonstrate ethical, professional, and legal standards of behavior in meeting my program requirements, including attendance and full participation at all required activities.
- I take personal responsibility for all research activities when involved with research. I will not leave a laboratory without ensuring completion and clean-up of research activities.
- I will recognize and report impairment of any type in my colleagues or myself. I will utilize appropriate channels such as the SOM Research Education Office to identify and report observed un-professional behavior.
- I agree to conduct research in accordance with federal requirements and the three basic ethical principles of reduce, refine and replace in animal studies and to uphold the highest ethical standards in all research endeavors. I will report any potential animal misuse to the UNM HSC office of animal compliance at (505) 272-0418.
- I will be cognizant of potential conflicts of interest when interacting with pharmaceutical and other industry representatives, and remember that research integrity is my primary focus. The NIH definition of research integrity includes
 - using honest and verifiable methods in proposing, performing, and evaluating research
 - reporting research results with particular attention to adherence to rules, regulations, guidelines, and
 - following commonly accepted professional codes or norms.
- I will report all data accurately and completely and will not report any data from another investigator or student without their explicit approval.
- I will recognize and honor privileged information from my colleagues.

Commitment to Excellence in Learning

- I will strive to obtain the knowledge and skills required to develop competence as a biomedical researcher and to master best practices of my profession.
- I will develop skill in self-assessment and strive for continual improvement in knowledge, writing skills and research skills.
- I will value the learning process as a shared activity involving peers, faculty, and staff.
- I will develop skill in scholarly work relevant to literature and laboratory research practices, which expand current knowledge.
- I will seek assistance from colleagues or professionals for any problems that adversely affect my education, quality of research, or ability to perform the learning tasks asked of me by instructors, teaching assistants, mentors or committee of study members.
- I will develop habits effective in life-long learning in order to be competent and current throughout my career.

Commitment to Excellence in Research

- I will attain personal mastery of research knowledge and skill through honest effort.
- I commit myself to continually improving laboratory skills by learning best practices, keeping complete and accurate records, and making cost-effective and appropriate use of research resources.
- I will practice opportunities to educate the public about the value of research and the benefits of ongoing biomedical research to improve knowledge and long-term health care.
- I will preserve the confidentiality of research information and will not discuss other's research findings or experimental proposals without explicit permission to do so.

Honesty

- I will demonstrate truthfulness in academic and research activities, including examinations, reports and any other representation of my work. I will not participate in or be a party to unfair academic or research activities.
- I will be truthful in all interactions with peers and faculty regarding research data or other relevant information.
- I will be honest in the collection, interpretation and reporting of data pertinent to academic and scholarly work.
- I will be cognizant of potential conflicts between my personal values, granting agencies, institutional policies and ethical practices. I will work to ensure that in spite of any conflicts, I will not compromise the integrity of any ongoing research projects.
- I will abide by institutional determinations and disclosure requirements for potential conflicts of interest. I will disclose my potential conflicts of interest in research to applicable review committees and offices.

Respect

- I will demonstrate the highest standards of ethical, legal, and professional behavior in the academic and research setting.
- I will relate to my peers, my faculty, and others in a spirit of collaboration and mutual respect.
- I will not discriminate in any situation based on race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, socio-economic status, or other identifiable social category.
- I will demonstrate humility and will not abuse the power of my position or propagate damaging rumors or hearsay.

Acknowledgement

I agree to abide by this BSGP Code of Professional Conduct and adhere to the policies and standards set forth by the University of New Mexico.

Print Name

Date

Signature