

## International Christian University Research Activity Code of Conduct

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### **Preface**

International Christian University (hereinafter “ICU”) was founded based on the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and is requiring students to comply with Academic Integrity. Therefore, the maintenance of a high ethical standard is required of those involved in research activities (hereinafter “researchers”) and also of those involved in the support and management of research activities (hereinafter “research supporters”) at ICU. This code of conduct is established in order to fulfill the duty of ICU researchers to explain to society and to ensure the credibility and fairness of academic research by strictly governing the researchers’ conduct.

### **Responsibility of Researchers**

1 Researchers have the responsibility to contribute to the health and welfare of humankind, the safety and security of society, and the sustainability of the earth’s environment.

### **Conduct of Researchers**

2 Researchers shall realize that the autonomy of academics stands upon societal trust and mandate and endeavor to indicate the accuracy and validity of research results.

### **Self-Improvement**

3 Researchers shall endeavor to maintain and improve their specialized knowledge, abilities, and skills. In addition, they shall endeavor to understand the relationship among science, technology, society, and the natural environment from a wide viewpoint and to always display the best judgment and position.

### **Explanation and Disclosure**

4 Researchers shall disclose and actively explain the importance and role of the research in which they are involved; evaluate the potential impacts of that research on humans, society, and the environment; announce research results; and endeavor to establish a constructive dialogue with society.

### **Research Activities**

5 Researchers shall be thorough regarding the saving and strict handling of research and investigative data and records in the process of proposing, planning, submitting, conducting, and reporting their research. They shall not engage in fraudulent activities, such as fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism; or activities that run counter to research ethics.

### **Preparation of Research Environment**

6 Researchers shall endeavor to establish and maintain a fair research environment in order to prevent fraudulent activities and conduct responsible research. They shall strive to increase the quality of the community of researchers as well as the research environment of the organizations to which they belong.

### **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

7 Researchers shall comply with laws and regulations, related rules, and various regulations of ICU regarding the conduct of research, etc.

### **Appropriate use of Research Funds**

8 Researchers shall comply with laws and regulations, various regulations of ICU, etc. regarding the use of research funds. Also, researchers shall keep in mind that the source of research funds is covered by public funds, grants from foundations and companies, donations, payments from university and high school students, etc. and endeavor to use the funds in an effective and efficient manner.

### **Consideration for Research Subjects, Environment, and Safety**

9 Researchers shall respect the personality and human rights of research collaborators, if there are any. For research involving animals, researchers shall endeavor to humanely consider them. Also, when handling material that has the possibility of being harmful to the environment or safety in the course of conducting research, researchers shall comply with laws, regulations, principles of academic societies, etc.

### **Relations with Others**

10 Researchers shall endeavor to communicate in a constructively critical manner with other researchers and openly exchange views. Also, researchers shall respect the intellectual results, achievements, honor, and intellectual property rights of other researchers.

### **Elimination of Discrimination**

11 Researchers shall not discriminate on the basis of race, nationality, sex, age, status, thoughts, beliefs, religion, etc. in research, education, and academic society activities.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

12 Researchers shall endeavor to uphold the public interest with particularly careful consideration when their research, investigations, evaluations, judgments, etc. directly and concretely conflict with the interests of the organizations with which they are involved, etc.

### **Appropriate Presentation of Research Results**

13 Researchers shall endeavor to present research results in an appropriate manner in order to widely give back the results to society, except when there are restrictions due to rational reasons.

### **Thorough Protection of Personal Information**

14 Researchers shall endeavor to protect personal information obtained in the course of research in accordance with ICU regulations.

### **Duty of Research Supporters**

15 Research supporters shall not participate in fraudulent research activities and unauthorized use of research funds. Also, they shall endeavor to prevent the occurrence of fraudulent activities, etc.