

Behavioral Criteria for Researchers at Kyushu University

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1. Basic Principle

All who are engaged in research at Kyushu University, including faculty members and students, must remain aware that they are members of Kyushu University, which is a hub for research, creation and the evolution of greater knowledge, in accordance with the Kyushu University Research Charter, and must do their utmost to conduct their research activities in a manner that reflects society's trust and expectations, following conscience and common sense.

2. Basic Responsibilities and Attitudes of a Researcher

- (1) A researcher takes pride as a researcher and remains aware of the mission.
- (2) A researcher is never engaged in illegal behavior such as forgery, manipulation or plagiarism, nor in the misuse of research funds or tacit approval of misuse, and is of course never complicit in misuse.
- (3) A researcher observes all laws and related regulations when conducting research activities and using research funds.

3. Behavioral Rules to Observe when Conducting Research Activities

A researcher shall observe the following criteria in order to maintain research activities and create a proper research environment.

- (1) A researcher must maintain an awareness that the achievements and supporting data generated through research activities at Kyushu University are not personal possessions of the researcher, but public property. A researcher must also ensure proper management and instructions concerning records and storage of such data in line with the guidelines formulated in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Article 3 of the "Regulations for Appropriate Research Activities in National University Corporation Kyushu University (General Regulations for Employment of National University Corporation Kyushu University No.14 of 2009)."
- (2) When conducting joint research, individual researchers must clarify their respective roles and responsibilities, and a research representative who is in a position to understand and manage the entire research project must properly confirm its contents and achievements from time to time.
- (3) When publishing research achievements (papers), behaviors that are considered misconduct include "improper authorship," where someone not qualified as an author is included as an author, or when someone qualified

is not included as an author, and “double submissions,” where a paper that has essentially the same contents as one that has already been published or submitted to another academic journal is submitted as an original paper, regardless of the print or electronic media used. A researcher must pay due attention to the submission rules of the research community and each academic journal.

- (4) Concerning industry-academia collaborations, if a researcher is engaged in research that may generate a conflict of interest, he/she must clarify which organization bears the primary responsibility for the research and manage research achievements in a proper manner.
- (5) A researcher must act in accordance with research ethics. During a peer review process for a paper, researchers must not be unreasonably critical or intentionally postpone the process. Also, during the assessment process for competitive funds, if a judge has a relationship with an applicant that may influence the assessment, he/she must voluntarily remove themselves from the post of judge.

Additional Remarks

- 1 These behavioral criteria shall come into force on August 18, 2015.
- 2 Behavior Criteria for the Proper Use of Research Funds in Kyushu University (enacted by the President on June 27, 2007) shall be considered obsolete.