

Waseda University Academic Research Ethics Charter

The mission of Waseda University is to achieve a high ideal of academic research that conforms with its founding principles of Academic Independence and Enterprising Spirit. Specifically, the University wishes to promote contributions to human welfare and world peace through academic research. As such, academic researchers associated with the University shall make efforts to maintain its good tradition and constantly strive to improve themselves in accordance with good conscience. Researchers will courageously challenge the problems of modern society while considering that academic research has a great influence on humanity, society, and the natural environment. The University guarantees that academic research will be reliable and fair, but also free from unnecessary constraints. With regard to its assurances and social responsibility, this University declares that all researchers and those concerned with research activities shall conduct themselves by abiding by the following manners and principles so that society will trust and respect the establishment and its academic research.

1. Through academic research, all members of the University will contribute to the solution of common problems that individuals face in society, such as human welfare and world peace.
2. All members of the University will preserve human dignity, respect life, strive for harmony among human beings, society and nature, protect the socially vulnerable, maintain the global environment, and positively influence the public interest.
3. All members of the University will comply with international rules, domestic and foreign laws and regulations, school rules, the spirit of such rules, and social good sense. In addition, researchers will report their results timely and appropriately so that they can positively meet the demands of society.
4. During cooperative academic research activities, all members of the University will respect human rights, protect personal information, make efforts to prevent any kind of harassment and discrimination based on nationality, sex, age or any other reason, and consistently cooperate with others to prevent such behavior.

5. All members of the University will support cooperation in society and will appropriately manage all academic research.
6. The University will strive to improve and maintain proper education and training in research ethics and the research environment while safely managing researchers so that no illegal activity occurs.