

Akamai University

CODE OF RESEARCH ETHICS

We the members of the Akamai University faculty and researchers are engaged in the quest for knowledge, with an ultimate goal of benefiting humankind.

Akamai University Faculty and researchers adhere to the following:

I. We expect that all individuals within the research community shall:

1. Follow research and professional practices that enhance the public interest and well-being.
2. Use all funds responsibly in the pursuit of research endeavors.
3. Adhere to government and institutional regulations for research such as those ensuring the welfare of human subjects, the welfare of fellow researchers, the comfort and humane treatment of animal subjects and the protection of the public and the environment.
4. Report research findings resulting from public and private funding in a full, open, and timely fashion to the relevant research community.
5. Have actually carried out experiments, projects and other scholarly activity in the manner reported.
6. Represent the best understanding of the work in their descriptions and analyses of it.
7. Accurately describe experimental methods utilized in sufficient detail to help insure their repeatability by others.
8. Not report the work of others as if it were their own.
9. Strive to insure that due recognition is given where credit is due to collaborators including students and trainees.

10. Adequately summarize previous relevant work and ideas with proper attribution to those who pioneered the work.
11. When acting as reviewers or editors, treat submitted manuscripts and grant applications confidentially and refrain from inappropriate use.
12. Disclose financial and other interests that might present a conflict-of-interest, and make every effort to avoid such conflicts perceived or real.

II. In fulfilling obligations to students and trainees, we expect that all individuals within the research community shall :

1. Provide training and experience to advance the students' and trainees' scholarly skills and their understanding of the importance of ethical practice and behavior.
2. Provide appropriate support in advancing the careers of students and trainees.
3. Recognize publicly and appropriately the scholarly contributions of the trainees.
4. Encourage and support the publication of results of trainees' research in a timely fashion without undisclosed limitations.
5. Work together to create and maintain a working environment that is safe and that encourages individual integrity, plurality, open communications, and fairness without regard to gender, race or belief.