

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA STATEMENT OF ETHICAL VALUES and STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

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The University's *Statement of Ethical Values and Standards of Ethical Conduct* commits everyone in the UC community to the highest ethical standards in furtherance of the University's mission of teaching, research, and public service. It identifies the University's core ethical values as **integrity, excellence, accountability, and respect**.

In summary, we are committed to the following:

1. **Fair Dealing.** We will always conduct ourselves ethically, honestly, and with integrity.
2. **Individual Responsibility and Accountability.** We will accept responsibility appropriate to our positions and delegated authorities.
3. **Respect for Others.** We will treat everyone we contact with respect and dignity.
4. **Compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations.** We will learn and abide by federal, state, and local laws that affect our campus roles.
5. **Compliance with Applicable University Policies, Procedures and Other Forms of Guidance.** We will learn and abide by University and campus policies and procedures that affect our campus roles.
6. **Conflicts of Interest or Commitment.** We will avoid both actual conflicts of interest and the appearance of such conflicts, and devote our primary professional allegiance to the University and its mission of teaching, research, and public service.
7. **Ethical Conduct of Research.** We will conduct our research with integrity and intellectual honesty, and show the greatest care for human or animal subjects.
8. **Records: Confidentiality/Privacy and Access.** We will follow applicable laws and University policies when accessing, using, protecting, or disclosing records.
9. **Internal Controls.** We will ensure that internal controls are established, properly documented, and maintained for activities within our jurisdictions.
10. **Use of University Resources.** We will ensure that campus resources are used only on behalf of the University.
11. **Financial Reporting.** We will ensure that accounting and financial records are accurate, clear, and complete.
12. **Reporting Violations and Protection from Retaliation.** We will report all known or suspected improper governmental activities under the provisions of the University's *Whistleblower Policy*, recognizing that everyone is protected from retaliation for making such reports under the *Whistleblower Retaliation Policy*.