

University of Oregon

Code of Ethics

As a major public research university, the University of Oregon is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of intellectual honesty, social responsibility, public accountability, and financial stewardship and is committed to inculcating those standards in our students, faculty, and staff.

- *Intellectual Honesty* is intrinsic in the University of Oregon as a community of scholars. We are dedicated to the free and open pursuit of knowledge and truth. Lying, cheating, plagiarism, or mendacity will not be tolerated.
- *Social Responsibility* inheres in the University of Oregon as a university. We are responsible to our state, our nation, and the world community to sustain and improve lives, including the lives of those who come after us. We are particularly responsible to treat others within our university community with the respect and equity due to all humans. Threatening, degrading, or abusive behavior will not be tolerated.
- *Public Accountability* ensures that the University of Oregon fulfills its mission as a public institution. Governance and financial processes will be transparent and inclusive. Secrecy will be eschewed except when it is invoked to protect legitimate confidential interests.
- *Financial Stewardship* means that all of us are responsible for ensuring that the material resources of the University of Oregon are used effectively and legitimately to further our mission. Fraud, waste, or malfeasance of any sort will not be tolerated.

This Code of Ethics is intended to guide all members of the University of Oregon community as they make ethical choices and leaders as they frame policies and procedures. For further guidance relevant laws, policies, and procedures should be carefully scrutinized. This Code of Ethics should never be construed to limit the academic freedom of University of Oregon students and faculty.