Code of ethics

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Masculine nouns and pronouns that are used herein refer to both genders equally.

1. General
The purpose of the Code of Ethics ("the Code") is to present to the students and staff of the Feinberg Graduate School (FGS) with the standards of conduct expected of them, to acquaint them with moral responsibility and to the highest standards of academic integrity and proper behavior in general, to develop their sense of responsibility, call forth their active participation in maintaining these standards, and to encourage an environment of trust and mutual respect. Fulfilling this mission is the joint responsibility of all FGS students and postdocs at the Institute. Abiding by high standards of ethics, academic integrity, and the Code will enhance the quality of the mentorship provided by the FGS and uphold the prestige attributed to the degrees it awards. Failure to fulfill the Code's rules will result in disciplinary action by FGS. It should be noted that inappropriate behavior does not include bona fide mistakes, errors stemming of negligence and disagreements.

2. Standards
2.1. FGS students and postdocs will present and note their academic achievements with honesty and fairness, both orally and in writing. The student or fellow will not knowingly misrepresent material facts to other students, faculty members, employees, potential employers, or any other person, and will not knowingly conceal information or commit fraudulent acts in order to obtain benefits at the FGS or relating to studies in it.

2.2. FGS students and postdocs will regard with dignity the materials, experimental data, and property – either of the Weizmann Institute, anyone on its behalf, or of other students. Students or fellows will not misuse or unfairly use the materials, data, or other property of the FGS, the Weizmann Institute, anyone on its behalf, or any other student, especially through accessing or removal of information or other property, and will refrain from commercial use or for other gains the materials, websites, or software that the Weizmann Institute of Science acquires and grants for use for educational purposes only. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is hereby clarified that the publication on websites or in any other manner of content created by the Weizmann Institute or on its behalf, including FGS teaching staff, including presentations, lecture notes, videos and the like, without obtaining prior written consent from their author is prohibited, regardless of whether the content is paid for or not.
2.3. FGS students and postdocs will respect the individual rights, health, and security of others, including that which concerns their bodies and property.

3. Academic Integrity
The WIS and the FGS, as an inseparable part of it, constitute a scientific community, whose basic goal as such is to acquire knowledge. Commitment to the rules of academic integrity is essential to the success of this scientific endeavor. It is the responsibility of each and every FGS student and postdoc to uphold the highest standards of integrity at all times and adhere to the rules of the Code. Actions that affect, or are intended to affect, the education, research, attainment of knowledge, or fair assessment of a student’s or fellow’s performance are strictly prohibited. These actions include, but are not restricted to, the following:

3.1. Cheating
Use or attempt to use unauthorized help, materials, or teaching aids in exams or any academic work, or preventing someone else from using authorized help, materials, or teaching aids.

3.2. Impersonation
Using someone else’s ideas, data, or terminology without appropriate acknowledgment.

3.3. Forgery
Submission of false or altered information in any academic or research work.

3.4. Double submission
Submission, without prior permission, of any work already submitted to fulfill other academic requirements.

3.5. Misrepresentation of academic records
Misrepresentation, contriving, or attempt of contriving of any part of a student’s or postdoc’s transcript or academic record, both before and after the student’s or postdoc’s arrival at the FGS.

3.6. Assisting academic fraud
Help or attempt to knowingly aid another person to violate any of the Code’s terms.

4. In case of doubt
When a student or postdoc is unsure whether his/her actions constitute a violation of the Code, he/she bears the responsibility for consulting with his/her advisor or with the FGS’s Academic Secretary to clarify the issue.

5. Appropriate behavior
Following is the appropriate behavior expected of FGS students and postdocs at the WIS:

5.1. Dignified behavior
To behave in a manner appropriate to the dignity of the WIS and the FGS, as well as the status of the student or postdoc.

5.2. Respect for others
To treat the WIS scientists and employees, FGS lecturers, students and postdocs with the utmost care with regards to their dignity, body, or property.
5.3. **Complying with instructions**
To adhere with the instructions of the WIS and the FGS, its teachers, and/or employees issued by them as part of their professional duties.

5.4. **Adherence to procedures**
To adhere to procedures and instructions for the use of the facilities including halls, laboratories, libraries, student dormitories, housing, offices, sports facilities, parking lots, and open spaces.

5.5. **Campus life**
To preserve proper procedures in teaching, research, or work at the FGS or on the WIS premises or in any other activity taking place in them.

5.6. **Protection of property**
To refrain from damaging WIS property and safeguard the equipment they use.