

Code of Conduct on the Use of Public Research Funds at National University Corporation Osaka
University

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Scientific research at universities is supported by the trust and expectations of the general public. The misuse of public research funds* can seriously damage such trust and expectations, and may also hurt the reputation of the research institution to which the offending researcher belongs, and even shake the foundation of our nation's academic research.

With this in mind, Osaka University (hereinafter referred to as the "University") has established the following Code of Conduct defining the standards of conduct and attitude towards research, with the aim of ensuring the reliability and impartiality of scientific research of a public nature and securing public trust in scientific research conducted at universities.

All researchers and administrative staff of the University (hereinafter referred to as "Researchers") shall act sincerely in compliance with the Code of Conduct.

1. Researchers shall ensure impartial and efficient use of public research funds in view of their public nature, and with awareness that the funds are under the control of the University.
2. In using public research funds, Researchers shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances and notifications, as well as the relevant regulations, administrative procedures and usage rules established by the University.
3. Researchers shall ensure proper and well-planned use of public research funds according to the relevant research plan, and administrative staff shall ensure that public research funds are effectively and properly handled with a correct understanding of the characteristics of the research projects to which the funds are applied.
4. Researchers shall develop mutual understanding and foster close cooperative ties with each other so that they can help prevent the misuse of public research funds.
5. When using public research funds in dealing with a supplier, Researchers shall act in an impartial manner that does not give rise to suspicion or distrust among the public.
6. Researchers shall proactively participate in training on the handling of public research funds and deepen their understanding of the applicable laws and regulations, administrative procedures and usage rules of such funds.

*Public research funds refer to all the funds handled by the University, taken from management expenses grants, donations, subsidies, and commissions.