

For everyone who works as TA, RA, part-time worker, tutor,

STOP!

Misuse of Public Research Funds

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. Osaka University will take strict actions against the misuse of public funds, and is working to create an environment free of misuse.

If you work as a TA, TF, SA, RA, tutor, or in any other part time position, be particularly aware that you are employed by Osaka University, not the faculty member under whom you work, and observe the rules. As such, the university requests that you refrain from participating in the preparation of false documents regarding working hours and content that form the basis of the amount of compensation.

What is misuse of public research funds?

- Fictitious honorariums and salaries:
Applying for payment of honorariums or salaries for research assistants or part-time employees by reporting fictitious or overstated work hours
- Kickback of honorariums or salaries:
Paying honorariums or salaries to research assistants or part-time employees in the laboratory for fictitious service and making them return these honorariums or salaries to apply towards expenses for operation of the laboratory or other purposes
- Use for unauthorized purposes:
Making research assistants or part-time employees pretend to work appropriately while applying for payment of salaries for work other than the purpose of their acceptance/employment

When forced to assist in misuse

If you are asked to make fictitious documents by an Osaka University staff member, please consult with the administrative division of your department or report to the Audit office.

- The information will be kept confidential under the Act on the Protection of Personal Information Held by Independent Administrative Agencies, etc.
- The reporter will never suffer detrimental treatment for reporting.

Any involvement in misuse is a criminal act.

Osaka University may consider taking legal action against individuals involved in payment of fictitious honorariums and salaries based on false documents, such as filing a criminal complaint (for fraud, document forgery, etc.) and/or a civil suit.

Consultation offices for rules regarding use of public research funds

If you have any questions regarding procedures, paperwork, or rules of use for public research funds handled by the university, please contact the administrative division of your department.

[URL] <https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/research/fuseiboushi>

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