

Statement for New Fellows

The academic medical community is committed to adhering to the highest principles of scientific integrity in the conduct of research. The NIH requires that institutions initiate formal policies concerning scientific integrity and the ethical conduct of research. As most fellows have not had formal training in the principles of scientific integrity, new fellows should devote some effort and time to their study.

One of the responsibilities of research preceptors is to assure that trainees are familiar with the principles of scientific integrity and responsible conduct of research. Trainees should be cognizant of the Johns Hopkins University policies relating to research, which can be found on-line. To complement these efforts, the institution sponsors seminars and other programs to stimulate discussion and awareness of the principles of scientific integrity.

The Advisory Board of the Medical Faculty has approved the following important policies and procedures: Conflict of Commitment Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Rules and Guidelines for Responsible Conduct of Research, Procedures for Dealing with Issues of Professional Misconduct, Procedures for Dealing with Issues of Research Misconduct, Policy on Interaction with Industry, and Grievance Procedure. Postdoctoral Fellows are requested to become familiar with these documents which are online.

If you are engaged in research you should refer to the following online resources:

The Sponsored Projects Handbook

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Intellectual Property Guidelines

Office of Human Subjects Research (IRB)

Animal Care & Use Regulations and Policies

Health, Safety and Environment Manuals

The Honor in Science document prepared by Sigma Xi (<https://www.sigmaxi.org/docs/default-source/Programs-Documents/Ethics-and-Research/free-pdf.pdf?sfvrsn=2>) offers practical advice to those entering careers in scientific research. You are asked to acknowledge reviewing the Honor in Science document by signing and returning your appointment letter.

All of the Documents Referenced in this Statement are Available Online:

<http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/research/resources/offices-policies/index.html>