



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GRADUATE RESEARCH

The standards of behaviour expected of research candidates and supervisors

1. Purpose and status

- 1.1 This Code sets out the standards of behaviour expected of research candidates and supervisors at LIHE. It gives graduate researchers and their supervisors a clear, shared statement of how they are expected to conduct themselves, and forms a core component of the Research Induction Program (LIHE-RES-PRG-012).
- 1.2 This Code responds to the requirement of Standards 4.2.1b and 4.2.4 that research students participate in an induction to research that includes codes of conduct and intellectual property. It operationalises the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2018) at the level of individual behaviour.
- 1.3 This Code is read with the Research Integrity and Misconduct Policy, the Authorship and Publication Policy, the Intellectual Property Policy, the Research Ethics Framework and the Higher Degree by Research Framework. A breach of this Code may be dealt with under the Research Integrity and Misconduct Policy.

2. Shared values

- 2.1 All graduate research at LIHE is conducted according to the values of the Australian Code: honesty, rigour, transparency, fairness, respect, recognition, accountability and the promotion of a positive research culture. Everyone in the research community is responsible for upholding these values.

3. Expectations of candidates

As a graduate researcher, I will:

- Conduct my research honestly, rigorously and transparently, and never fabricate, falsify or misrepresent data or results;
- Obtain ethics approval before collecting any human or animal data, including for any pilot or feasibility work, and comply with the conditions of that approval;
- Complete the Research Induction Program and the research integrity training before I begin collecting data;
- Manage my data in accordance with my Data Management Plan and the Data and Records Integrity Policy, and retain it for the required period;
- Attribute the work and ideas of others correctly, avoid all forms of plagiarism, and apply authorship in accordance with the Authorship and Publication Policy;
- Disclose conflicts of interest and any use of generative artificial intelligence tools in my work;
- Respect the intellectual property of others and understand my own rights under the Intellectual Property Policy and the Candidate IP Deed;
- Engage constructively with my supervisors, attend supervision meetings prepared, and act on feedback;



- Treat everyone in the research community with respect, and contribute to a safe, inclusive and harassment-free environment;
- Raise concerns about research conduct through the proper channels, and never victimise a person who raises a concern in good faith.

4. Expectations of supervisors

As a supervisor, I will:

- Model and uphold the values of the Australian Code, and foster a positive research culture;
- Be accredited under the Supervisor Accreditation Policy and maintain my currency through training;
- Provide competent, accessible supervision and meet the minimum contact frequencies in the Higher Degree by Research Framework;
- Give timely, constructive feedback and monitor my candidate's progress and wellbeing;
- Ensure my candidate completes induction and integrity training before collecting data, and that ethics approval is in place;
- Apply authorship fairly, never claim gift or honorary authorship, and never exclude an eligible author;
- Declare conflicts of interest, respect candidate intellectual property, and never appropriate a candidate's work;
- Treat candidates with respect, avoid any abuse of the supervisory relationship, and support a candidate who raises a concern without detriment.

5. Breaches of the Code

5.1 A breach of this Code is addressed proportionately. A potential breach of research integrity is referred to the Dean (Research) as Research Integrity Officer under the Research Integrity and Misconduct Policy. Behavioural matters may also engage the Student or Staff conduct policies. No person is disadvantaged for raising, in good faith, a concern that this Code has been breached.

6. Acknowledgement

6.1 Every candidate and supervisor acknowledges this Code as part of the Research Induction Program, and the acknowledgement is recorded in the Research Induction Attendance and Completion Register (LIHE-RES-REG-013).