

# Academic Integrity policy

## Section 1 - Preamble

(1) This Policy is effective from 7 September 2017.

## Section 2 - Purpose

(2) This Policy sets out the University's approach to maintaining and dealing with issues of Academic Integrity.

## Section 3 - Scope

(3) This Policy applies to Academic staff in the conduct of teaching, research and related activities.

## Section 4 - Policy

(4) Academic staff will demonstrate Academic Integrity in all duties relating to teaching and research.

(5) In demonstrating Academic Integrity, Academic staff will:

- a. acknowledge authorship of, and contributions to, ideas in their teaching materials and research output
- b. observe confidentiality in all dealings with students, colleagues and confidential research activities
- c. avoid personal bias and strive to ensure their conduct is objective, honest and equitable in their dealings with students, colleagues and in their research activities
- d. respect the diverse backgrounds of students and colleagues
- e. disclose any conflict of interest, in accordance with the [Declaration of Interest procedure](#), including any personal or financial interest they have in any text, software or other course-related materials or parts thereof that they are considering prescribing
- f. refrain from using information gained in the course of their teaching or research for personal, commercial or third party advantage
- g. observe the integrity and ethical rights of human and animal subjects in research and teaching
- h. acknowledge academic merit and ensure student assessment outcomes are based on a set of appropriate and relevant criteria in accordance with the [Assessment \(Higher Education Courses\) Procedure](#).

(6) Academic staff will conduct their research activities in accordance with the Code of Good Practice in Research procedure and in compliance with the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, 2018](#).

(7) The University will manage all alleged breaches of Academic Integrity in accordance with the [Staff Discipline procedure](#) and the [Deakin University Enterprise Agreement 2023](#).

## Section 5 - Procedure

(8) The [Academic Integrity procedure](#) documents how to comply with this Policy.

## Section 6 - Definitions

(9) For the purpose of this Policy:

- a. Academic Integrity: a commitment by University Academic staff members to adhere, in all teaching, research and related activities, to five fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility.

## Status and Details

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