

**Code of Ethics of a Doctoral Student
at the Doctoral Study of Natural Sciences of the Polish Academy of
Sciences in Kraków
and at the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences**

Acting according to Article 215 Section 1 of the Act of 20 July 2018 – the Law on Higher Education and Science (*Journal of Laws* [Dz.U.] of 2018 Item 1668), on 15 February 2024 the Self-Government of Doctoral Students of the Doctoral Study of Natural Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences and at the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences hereby adopts this Code of Ethics of a Doctoral Student.

**Chapter 1
General Provisions**

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This Code of Ethics of a Doctoral Student sets forth the rules to govern the self-regulation of the doctoral students' community, with the underlying foundation being based on the belief that respect for the value of research and the doctoral students' community is the essential principle.

§2

Any references in this Code to the Study or the School shall be deemed to mean, respectively, the Doctoral Study of Natural Sciences of the PAS and the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.

§3

Any references in this Code to the Institutes shall be deemed to mean the Institutes co-running the Study and the School, i.e. the W. Szafer Institute of Botany PAS, the F. Górski Institute of Plant Physiology PAS, the Institute of Nature Conservation PAS, the Institute of Systematics and Evolution of Animals PAS, and the National Research Institute of Animal Production.

§4

Any references in this Code to a Doctoral Student shall be deemed to mean every person pursuing education at the Study or the School.

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The Code defines the scope of ethical standards a Doctoral Student is obliged to comply with.

§6

A Doctoral Student shall be obliged to acquaint themselves with the Code and comply with the rules laid down herein, and, further, abide by the rules and regulations in force at the Study and the School, the Regulations On Doctoral Studies, Terms And Conditions Of The Doctoral School, and the principles stipulated in the oath.

§7

A Doctoral Student shall be characterized by:

- a) conscientiousness;
- b) impartiality and independence from any influence;
- c) responsibility for their actions, words, and work;
- d) research courage;
- e) openness to collaboration;
- f) reliability and credibility of the research presented.

Chapter 2

A Doctoral Student as a representative of the Doctoral Study of Natural Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Kraków and the Doctoral School of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

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A Doctoral Student shall be obliged to care for the good reputation of the Study and the School, implementing their goals and mission.

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A Doctoral Student shall esteem and promote the traditions of the Study and the School.

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A Doctoral Student shall be actively engaged in academic, scientific, and popularising activities, through co-organisation of and participation in relevant events, and also support other projects to foster the development of the Study and the School.

§11

A Doctoral Student shall care for the property of the Study, the School and the Institutes, and shall not use the same for any personal purposes or earn any financial profit thereon.

Chapter 3 Doctoral Students' community

§12

A Doctoral Student shall treat other Doctoral Students with due respect.

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A Doctoral Student shall, whenever possible, engage in collaboration with other Doctoral Students both in scientific and organizational terms.

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A Doctoral Student shall support the activities of the Self-Government of Doctoral Students as their representative body. A Doctoral Student shall contact it in any matter that falls within the scope of the Self-Government's competencies, including in disputed issues that require cooperation with the Head of the Study and the School.

§15

A Doctoral Student shall refrain from any activities that are unethical towards other Doctoral Students, in particular from any activities intended to cause any harm or damage to any member of community.

§16

The Doctoral Student should oppose dishonesty, intolerance, injustice and other manifestations of unethical behaviour among Doctoral Students or other members of the academic community.

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Any disputes arising between a Doctoral Student and other Doctoral Students or members of the academic community shall be resolved, in the first place, amicably.

Chapter 4 Attitude to the Institute's governing bodies and other entities the Doctoral Student is involved with

§18

A Doctoral Student shall treat members of the staff of the Institutes that are part of the Study and the School with due respect, guided by moral and ethical principles.

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A Doctoral Student shall not remain indifferent to any negative and unethical actions that could compromise the reputation of the Study, the School or the Institutes.

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A Doctoral Student shall not use any family connections or colleague relationships to gain any advantages or profits.

Chapter 5 Education and studies

§21

A Doctoral Student shall be obliged to work conscientiously and diligently and to continuously improve their knowledge through participation in classes, conferences, symposia and scientific seminars. A Doctoral Student shall gain new skills throughout their entire program of study.

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A Doctoral Student shall diligently prepare for examinations and for other forms of obtaining credits for courses.

§23

A Doctoral Student shall not take any disallowed actions that could affect adequate assessment of their state of knowledge.

§24

A Doctoral Student shall not use any third-party copyrights or related rights, referred to in the Act of 4 February 1994 on Copyright and Related Rights (*Journal of Laws [Dz.U.] No. 24, Item 83 as amended*), in particular a Doctoral Student shall not misappropriate authorship or co-authorship of somebody else's work, mislead as to the authorship or co-authorship of somebody else's work, or distribute somebody else's work without specifying the name or the pseudonym of the author thereof.

§25

A Doctoral Student shall not present any false reports on their progress in education or scientific achievements, including publications. While conducting research, a Doctoral Student shall comply with the principles of scientific integrity and avoid plagiarism or falsification of research results, and avoid any misconduct in dissemination thereof, in application for research funds, and in conducting or reviewing of research.

§26

A Doctoral Student shall take an attitude of constructive and friendly criticism towards the works and concepts of other authors, accompanied by an unbiased assessment of their own research and scientific achievements.

§27

A Doctoral Student shall comply with the rules governing the establishment of co-authorship.