

# **Academic Code of Conduct for Academicians of Academia Sinica**

Approved at the 35th Convocation of Academicians, July 2nd, 2024

Founded in 1928, Academia Sinica is the R.O.C.'s preeminent academic research institution. Its missions are as follows: conduct research on a broad spectrum of subjects in the sciences and humanities; guide, coordinate, encourage, and reward academic research; nourish highly-trained academic research talent. Serving as an Academician of Academia Sinica is a lifelong, non-remunerated position, the highest academic honor conferred by the nation. All Academicians are obligated to uphold academic freedom and norms, while also contributing outstanding scholarly achievements to society. Upon receiving this honor, Academia Sinica Academicians are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Academia Sinica Academicians shall conduct research guided by the spirit of academic freedom, aiming to enhance human welfare and ensure sustainable environments. When advancing technological development, they must consider potential risks and hazards to society and the environment, adopting a cautious and transparent approach to fulfill the social responsibilities expected of researchers.
2. Academia Sinica Academicians shall uphold integrity and engage in the highest standards of academic research, refraining from misconduct such as fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism.
3. When Academia Sinica Academicians participate in peer review processes or publish research results where there is a risk of conflict of interest, they shall disclose all relevant information pertaining to such matters. Academicians shall adhere to confidentiality agreements when reviewing cases.
4. Academia Sinica Academicians shall treat academic professionals and the general public impartially and with respect, without discrimination based on the gender orientation, age, religion, race, educational background, or social status of the people they interact with. In their professional activities, especially those involving positions of unequal power, they shall avoid any form of discrimination, harassment, or bullying. Such behaviors seriously violate academic ethics and may adversely affect the careers of academic professionals.
5. Regarding internal discussions during the nomination and candidacy review processes for Academia Sinica Academicians, as well as matters related to deliberations and voting by the Divisional Review, Council of Academia Sinica and Convocation of Academicians, Academia Sinica Academicians shall comply

with all relevant confidentiality rules.

6. When publicly expressing personal views and recommendations as Academia Sinica Academicians, they shall avoid giving the impression that these views represent the official stance of Academia Sinica. Only upon resolution or delegation by the Convocation of Academicians or Council of Academia Sinica, or the President's authorization may an Academician represent Academia Sinica in delivering reports or stating viewpoints.
7. Academia Sinica Academicians shall comply with regulations concerning research-related conduct as well as measures for handling such violations as adopted by the academic community, their employing institutions, and research funding agencies.