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Health Research Ethics Committee

CODE OF CONDUCT FORM

Researcher

Name	
Identity Number	
Residential Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Title of the study	

As a researcher, I subscribe to the rules of the UFH HREC, and all applicable policies of UFH as well as all national and international laws and regulations applicable to my field of study. Furthermore, I abide by the ethical principles and responsibilities as set out in the Singapore statement on Research Integrity (22 September 2010) as stipulated below:

The four major principles of research integrity to which I will adhere and will guide my research are:

- Honesty in all aspects of research;
 - Accountability in the conduct of research;
 - Professional courtesy and fairness in working with others;
 - Good stewardship of research on behalf of others.
 - Consequently, I will also adhere to the following ethical responsibilities:
1. I will take responsibility for the originality and trustworthiness of my research.
 2. I will stay abreast of and adhere to all institutional, national, and international laws, regulations, and policies applicable and related to my research.
 3. I will at all times employ appropriate research methods, base my conclusions on critical analysis of the evidence and
 9. I will disclose all conflicts of interest (financial and other) that could compromise the trustworthiness of my work in research proposals, publications, public communications, and in review activities.
 10. When I publically address a community in the spirit of academic freedom, I will in all stages base my professional comments on research findings (if

report my findings and interpretations fully and objectively.

4. I will keep clear and accurate records of all research that I have conducted in a manner that will allow verification and replication of my work by others, if applicable.
5. I will where applicable, share my data and findings openly and promptly, in line with external funding rules. This will be done as soon as possible after I have had an opportunity to establish priority and ownership claims.
6. I will take responsibility for my own contributions to publications, funding applications, reports, and other representations of my research. I will also only include authors who meet valid authorship criteria.
7. I will acknowledge the names and roles of those who made significant contributions to my research in publications, including writers, funders, sponsors, and others, but do not meet authorship criteria.
8. In my peer reviews, I will provide fair, prompt, and rigorous evaluations and I will respect confidentiality when I review others' work.

applicable) and my expertise. I will distinguish between professional comments and opinions based on personal views.

11. Should any irresponsible research practices and/or research misconduct become known to me or brought to my attention, I will report such irresponsible research activities to the appropriate authorities.
12. I will respond to irresponsible research practices or conduct, by taking prompt actions as set out in the procedures of the university. I will also protect those who report misconduct in good faith, to the best of my abilities.
13. I will endeavor to create and sustain an environment that encourages research integrity through the education of students, research teams, and peers, as well as abide by policies and reasonable standards for advancement.
14. I will at all times weigh societal benefits against the risks inherent in my work.

Signature:.....

Date:.....