

University of Kent

Ethical Guidelines

Academic Freedom, Critical Thinking and Intellectual Creativity

Each member of the University community should:

- a) uphold the University's commitment, defined in its Charter, to freedom of speech within the law and the protection of the rights of members of the University to put forward ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions
- b) be aware that the University is committed to providing an environment where ideas and opinions are open to discussion and challenge and where the highest standards of academic rigour are applied
- c) if carrying out research, conduct it to the highest level of ethical standards and in accordance with current legislation and policy requirements
- d) if engaged in academic practice, undertake it with integrity, ensuring fairness and creating an atmosphere of trust and mutual respect
- e) adhere to the best practice guidance of any relevant professional bodies.

Further Information:

- [Academic Regulations](#)
- [Codes of Practice](#)
- [Credit Framework](#)
- [Charter, Statutes and Ordinances](#)
- [Code of Practice concerning Freedom of Speech, External Speakers and Events](#)
- [Code of Practice for the Investigation of Allegations of Misconduct in Research](#)
- [Consultancy Policy](#)
- [Declaration/Register of Interest Policy](#)
- [Ethical Conduct of External Activity Policy](#)
- [Fraud Prevention and Response Policy](#)
- [IT and Library Regulations](#)
- [Open Access Policy](#)
- [Policy on Personal Benefit](#)
- [Policy Statement on Intellectual Property](#)
- [Research Integrity: Code of Ethical Practice for Research](#)
- [Social media guidelines for staff](#)