

## **CGHS Statement of Professionalism**

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The College of Graduate Health Sciences, the research training arm of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, expects each of its members (students, staff, and faculty) to exhibit the highest level of academic integrity and professional behavior. Society, the University, and the College grants scientists considerable leeway in the conduct of their academic activities. In turn, it is expected that the following elements will be incorporated into these activities:

- **Intellectual honesty.** Activities of College members will be conducted without deceit and with care to ensure integrity.
- **Excellence in thinking and doing.** Each member of the College will strive to continually improve the quality of their academic preparation and result.
- **Collegiality and openness.** All colleagues, at all levels, will be treated with respect and dignity, will advance knowledge by teaching their skills and sharing information, and will place the needs of society at the forefront of their professional activities.
- **Autonomy and responsibility.** A College member is expected to have carefully considered approaches to research problems and the methods to address them, as well as the responsibility to judiciously allocate resources to the problems and provide their results for objective review.
- **Self-regulation.** College members ensure the highest standards of work by reporting sub-standard practices, inattention to the elements listed here, or wrong-doing, to the appropriate officials.