



PSE Ethics Charter¹

Our values

PSE teaching and research are based on the highest ethical standards. Our values are reflected in the integrity, ethics, excellence and independence of our research, respect for all members of the PSE community, and our social, civic and environmental responsibilities.

As an institution, PSE is committed to taking a responsible approach to all its activities and to ensuring the commitment of all participants (students, teachers, researchers and support staff) to the same. PSE will take all appropriate steps, in a collegial manner, to ensure that its values guide the behaviour of all.

To this end, PSE is establishing an ethics committee whose aims are to define the form and content of the obligations implied by respect for the values enumerated below, and to define the procedures designed to guarantee the adherence of the institution and all its members to these principles.

1. Scientific integrity

Research activity must be conducted on the basis of the best international practice. The minimal professional ethic imposed on PSE members is to tolerate neither scientific fraud nor plagiarism, nor falsification of data. Any sign of a violation of this fundamental principle will immediately trigger an investigation by PSE bodies and sanctions will be imposed where appropriate. The Ethics Committee must be informed by any PSE researcher involved in such a case.

Co-authorship, and the collecting of data and making them available to colleagues and to the broader academic community must also respect these ethical principles.

Existing rules for the maintenance of the confidentiality of collected data must be strictly followed.

2. Freedom and independence of research

All members of PSE are free to choose their research subjects, methodologies and scientific collaborations; in this, their only obligation is the pursuit of excellence. The institution and each of its members are committed to preventing and avoiding any conflict of interest; transparency in research funding and income sources is essential. In its search for external funding, PSE takes all necessary steps to assure its independence.

¹ The PSE community is composed of students in PSE-accredited courses, PhD candidates attached to PSE, employees of PSE, members of PJSE, and all researchers and teacher-researchers affiliated or associated with PSE, regardless of the academic institution to which they are attached.

3. Respect for all

Respect for the rights and dignity of all forms the basis of relationships among members of the PSE community. We are wholly committed to equality of treatment and against all forms of harassment.

4. Social, civic and environmental responsibilities

PSE's social responsibility is to guarantee a work environment conducive to the fulfillment of the professional goals of all its members.

Its civic responsibility consists in transmitting the knowledge of its researchers to its students, and in communicating the findings of research conducted by its members to the general public, the media and public institutions.

PSE's mission is to offer excellence in teaching to students from all walks of life, and to guide and support them until they find their place in the labour market.

In the field of environmental responsibility, PSE is committed to continuous progress, starting from an initial assessment of its strengths and weaknesses.

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