



## **Research integrity at Politecnico di Torino**

### **Preamble**

Politecnico di Torino (POLITO) recognizes the great importance of scientific and technical research, which influences the quality of life all over the world. For this reason, our University with its students, technical and administrative staff, researchers and faculty (i.e., the academic community) is committed to the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct required in a public institution.

In particular, it adheres to the principles of research integrity to ensure the value and benefits of its research.

### **Fundamental principles of research integrity**

All members of the POLITO academic community are committed to improving and transferring technical knowledge and scientific culture with its appropriate applications. Our academic community will consider the potential consequences of this technology transfer through both technical assessments and principle-based evaluations.

To this end, POLITO members embrace the following fundamental principles for research integrity recognized at international level: fairness, transparency, honesty, accountability and precaution.

### **The commitment of the Politecnico di Torino community**

As members of POLITO, in the exercise of our respective functions and activities, we always adopt behaviours that support and promote research integrity. In particular:

1. We accept full responsibility for the reliability of our research; we are open to criticism of our work and we offer honest criticism of the work produced by others.
2. We act in accordance with all research regulations and policies; we support others who strive to do the same and we report violations to the competent authorities.
3. In particular, we act in full compliance with international regulations on experimentation on humans and animals for research purposes, which is a rapidly evolving sector.
4. We present the data and sources of our research in a truthful, honest and timely manner and we maintain records of all research carried out, in order to ensure verification and reproducibility.
5. We undertake to avoid any form of fabrication, falsification or plagiarism, in compliance with international codes and guidelines currently in force.
6. We openly acknowledge the contributions of other researchers to our work and we do not accept merit or recognition for work not undertaken by us.
7. We declare potential conflicts of interest or other circumstances that could influence our judgment or compromise the fairness or quality of our services.
8. We believe that our technical university is an enabling platform for collaborations with a variety of stakeholders in society. For this reason, we ensure that all contracts and agreements regarding research products provide rules for fair and just management of Intellectual Property Rights.
9. We make public statements, we write research reports, articles and presentations, we hold lectures and seminars and we participate in public debates in an objective and truthful way.
10. We believe that the safety, health and well-being of students, colleagues and citizens is fundamental; we work to protect the environment and to pursue sustainable development.
11. We especially promote the use of research and technology for peaceful purposes; we do not support war and the use of technology and our research results for the purpose of war.
12. We are against any form of discrimination that may exclude minority groups from the benefits deriving from our research. We undertake to foster a research environment that welcomes researchers and students from all over the world.
13. We undertake to inform the university bodies promptly if we notice that our research is posing potential risks of harm to the current or future state of health and safety of any person or the environment; we also commit to conducting further in-depth studies and adopting precautionary measures before continuing with our research.
14. We promote a research environment that encourages and develops behaviours inspired by the principles of research integrity.