

STATEMENT OF ETHICS

American Society of Agronomy

Crop Science Society of America

Soil Science Society of America

Members and Awardees of the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America recognize the interdependence of natural, social and technological systems, and are dedicated to: the acquisition and dissemination of knowledge that advances their sciences and professions, upholding the values of each of the Societies, and contributing to just ecological and social systems.

This statement of ethics is built on the Values of ASA, CSSA, and SSSA.

- Maintain integrity and ethical standards and behaviors
- Support diversity, equity, and inclusion of people and perspectives
- Actively pursue, disseminate, and apply scientific knowledge
- Assume responsibility for economic, social, and environmental sustainability
- Provide a supportive environment for life-long professional growth, collaboration, and engagement

To this end, to promote the highest quality of scientific and professional conduct, members and awardees of these Societies will:

1. Use the highest level of professional standards and ethics; be honest, accurate, fair, and equitable in their work. This includes but is not limited to when:

- Applying for, obtaining, and using research funds
- Designing and performing scientific experiments, processing and analyzing data, publishing, presenting or reporting those data at conferences and meetings, in journal articles, manuscripts, technical reports, etc.
- Correctly citing/crediting the work and ideas of others with the appropriate citations/permissions, as required
- Evaluating the work of others (e.g., grant proposals, manuscript reviews, contests, awards)
- Providing professional, unbiased advice and services on subjects about which they are informed and qualified
- Reporting on others displaying unprofessional or unethical conduct that could harm the Societies' reputation or value, and by cooperating in the investigations of others for unethical behavior

- Considering others for societal awards and leadership positions

Members should avoid anything that might give the appearance of unprofessional or unethical behavior, including perceived or unintentional conflicts of interest.

2. Treat others with the highest level of unbiased and equitable professional respect, courtesy and kindness, including but not limited to:

- In person interactions (e.g., at conferences, meetings, and with the public)
- Online communications (e.g., video conferences, emails, discussion groups, and anonymously)
- In teaching and learning situations (e.g., classrooms, laboratories, field sites)

3. Inspire and encourage interest and enthusiasm in all others about our scientific disciplines and foster the highest levels of professional conduct to maintain respect for our scientific research.

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