Research Ethics

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Ethics in University Research

• Centered on relationship between mentors (professors) and protégés (students)
  – Goals to design and conduct novel research destined for publication in prestigious journals.
  – Help students understand the research process and instill honesty, integrity, and fairness in all endeavors.
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• Students must learn quickly about these subjects:
  – Importance of careful data gathering, data entry, and data reporting.
  – Role of confidentiality, objectivity, and proper use of human and animal subjects.
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• Successful relationships between professors and students are based on unquestioned trust in all matters.
• If trust is lost, most often it can never be regained.