Doctoral Course in
Agrifood and Environmental Sciences

The Honour Code

The fundamental objective of the PhD Program is to provide the students with a high level - high quality education while developing a sense of ethics and social and professional responsibility. We believe that any instance of dishonesty hurts the entire community. It is with this in mind that we have set forth our communities official - and practiced - ethical code as the Honour Code at the School. The Honour System embodies our mutual trust and respect and extends to the Doctorate Program long-standing behavioural rules at the Center of Agricolture Food Environment (C3A).
The Honour Code aims at cultivating a community based on trust, academic integrity and honour. It specifically aims at accomplishing the following:

- Ensure that students, faculty and administrators are aware of the responsibility for upholding academic honesty within the academic community;
- Prevent any students from gaining an unfair advantage over other students through academic misconduct;
- Ensure that students understand that academic dishonesty is a violation of the profound trust of the entire academic community;
- Cultivate an environment where academic dishonesty is not tolerated among the students.

Student Responsibilities

1. **Honesty**
   - *1.1. Computers Usage*
   - *1.2. Library Usage*
   - *1.3. Facilities Usage*
   - *1.4. Work Space*
   - *1.5. Papers and Reports*
   - *1.6. Lying/Deception/Fraud*
2. **Plagiarism / Fabrication / Falsification**
3. **Inappropriate gender-based behaviour**
4. **Respect Others**
5. **Participation to Educational Activities**
   - *5.1. Courses*
   - *5.2. Seminars*
   - *5.3. Communications*
6. **Insurance and Liability**
   - *6.1. Insurance*
   - *6.2. Liability*
7. **Disciplinary Measures**
8. **Honour Code Agreement**

1. Honesty

Honesty in regard to both academic and non-academic issues is fundamental in creating and maintaining a good environment.

1.1 Honesty in Usage of Computers and Other Equipment

- Theft, damage or misuse of the equipment is forbidden as it affects property of the University of Trento and Edmund Mach Foundation and takes advantage of all the other users who will lose the use of the resources.
- Allowing unauthorized people, not belonging to the PhD Program, access to the equipment is strictly prohibited as it reduces the amount of equipment available for ICT users and may lead to damage or to thefts.
- Network usage concerning downloading of material and files and placing material in the web must be restricted to working items.

1.2 Library Usage

Students are urged to respect the library rules.

1.3 Facilities usage (telephone, Internet services…)

The PhD Program is hosted by the University of Trento and Edmund Mach Foundation that provide several facilities to the students, such as telephone, fax, photocopier, printer usage and a continuous internet access; these services must be used only for work related activities and not for personal purposes; moreover their usage is restricted to students, that cannot invite external people (e.g. friends) to let them enjoy faculty services.

Abuse of the above services is strictly prohibited. Students are liable for possible inconvenience caused to other users.

1.4 Work Space

Students are expected to be silent because the work space can be shared by several people and it is necessary to let everybody do his/her work quietly and with the needed concentration.

1.5 Papers and Reports

Students are required to produce reports and research papers during their 3 year doctoral program. In collecting data and information, students need to actively avoid plagiarizing the work of others. Proper footnoting of source material and documentation of borrowed ideas are absolutely essential.

1.6 Lying, Deception, and Fraud

- Any attempt to gain an advantage or to avoid a consequence by lying, deception or fraud is not acceptable behaviour at both the University of Trento and Edmund Mach Foundation.
- Examples of lying, deception, and fraud include falsifying records of time and attendance at work, giving false information and failing to take responsibility for personal conduct.

2. Plagiarism / Fabrication / Falsification

Plagiarism of any kind is completely contrary to the established practices of higher education, where all members of the PhD program are expected to acknowledge the original intellectual work of others that is included in one's own work.

3. Inappropriate gender-based behaviour

Inappropriate gender-based behaviour is contrary to the university's Honour Code and is considered as a violation. Serious violations will be reported to the police.

4. Respect Others

Every person has a fundamental right to be treated with respect. Every member of the PhD program is expected to treat others in a way that will foster to the well-being of everyone at the University community. Students must have a correct hygienic behaviour, especially in common spaces like laboratories, library and university canteen.

5. Participation in the Program's activities

5.1 Courses

Students are committed to attend the programme and carry out research activities on a full-time basis, according to the schedules and the regulations established by the Teaching Body of the School and by the Executive Committee.

5.2 Thesis

Student supported by grants provided by other institutions, for specific research projects, are committed to pursue the specific project assigned.

5.3 Absences

The School is residential and therefore long absences are not permitted, unless previously approved by the Head of the school (up to six months) or by the Teaching Body who grant permit for absences motivated by the research activity. Absences longer than one week must be communicated to the Tutor and to the Administrative Secretariat of the Program. Repeated unjustified absences will cause the expulsion from the doctorate program.

5.4 Seminars

Participation in the seminars is strongly recommended.

5.5 Communications

PhD students must be able to receive and answer any messages sent to their official e-mail address independently of the place they are.

6 Disciplinary Measures

Serious violations will be treated as follows:

- The students and his/her Tutor will be asked for an explanation of the events by the Head of the school and/or the Doctoral Program Committee.
- The Doctoral Program Committee decides whether to admonish the student or not.
- After two formal admonishments, if the student commits another serious violation, the Doctoral Program Committee proposes his/her expulsion from the program to the Rector of the University of Trento.

7 Insurance and liability

7.1 Insurance

The University of Trento provides an insurance for the duration of the doctorate program. The insurance only concerns effects of accidents and damages to third parties that occur in circumstances pertaining to the Doctorate program.

7.2 Liability

Students of the PhD program are liable for consequences of misconduct or improper use of computers and instruments at both the University of Trento and Edmund Mach Foundation.

8 The Honour Code Agreement

Having read the Honour Code, I understand and accept my responsibilities as a member of the PhD program in Agrifood and Environmental Sciences.

Date ……

Name and Surname in capital letters…….

Signature of the PhD Student …….