

Academic Honor Code: Mentors

Academic integrity is the foundation of ethical research and the bedrock of our work at Indigo Research. All Indigo students, parents, mentors, and team members are required to sign our Academic Honor Code, in keeping with standard practice at colleges, universities, and legitimate research institutions. Please read this form carefully, sign it, and email a copy to hello@indigoresearch.org before you begin working with Indigo students. Once you sign this pledge, Indigo's Academic Honor Code rules will apply in all interactions that you have with all Indigo students and parents. They are designed to protect your and the student's academic integrity and to ensure that Indigo Research continues to operate according to the highest standards of academic ethics and excellence.

I, _____, pledge to embrace Indigo's Academic Honor Code and adhere to all of the following rules while working with all Indigo students, even after their in-person sessions have concluded. For every student with whom I work through Indigo.

- I will not allow my student to use ChatGPT or AI of any kind to generate writing or ideas for their paper.
 - If a student's research project requires them to use AI (e.g., for projects in AI or Machine Learning), I understand that I must ensure that my student's paper remains a product of their thoughts and labor, with guidance from me.
 - I will not permit my student to engage with AI in a manner that I would find even remotely suspicious or unethical for a student or colleague in a university setting.
- I affirm that my student will be the sole author of the ideas, graphics, and writing in their paper.
 - I will not write for my student, nor will I produce graphics for them.
 - I will not produce code for my students, except in lectures, showing them the fundamentals that they will need to know in order to undertake more

advanced research. I understand that I can offer instructive examples in my lectures, but I cannot give students the code to run for their final projects.

- I will not line-edit writing for my student, except when I am suggesting occasional grammatical edits or stylistic changes for clarity.
 - Note: this provision is solely intended to include students who have not yet benefited from a thorough education in the English language or who speak English as a second language.
 - If I learn that my student is not able to write a clear sentence in English and would require me to edit virtually every sentence in order to produce a publishable paper, I will report this to Indigo's support team (hello@indigoresearch.org) within 48 hours. The Indigo support team will refer the student to an English tutor who can provide support and/or evaluate whether or not the student could realistically write their own paper at this time.
- I will never analyze my student's data for them. I may offer guidance and instructive examples when my student is completing a difficult analysis, but the student must complete 100% of the analysis published in their project.
- I will never allow my student to copy or borrow ideas from any other individual, whether that person is a classmate, a mentor, or a source on the internet.
- I will use the "comments" function, fill out an Indigo feedback form, fill out an Indigo rubric, or write a letter to offer most written feedback on my student's paper. In rare cases when I offer stylistic/grammatical suggestions to my student, I will always use comments and track changes. I will never write in my students' papers without clearly identifying and explaining my grammatical/stylistic suggestion.
- I will immediately report to Indigo any student actions related to academic dishonesty or cheating and will never aid/abet an act of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty and examples of cheating include, but are not limited to:
 - A student copying another student's work or utilizing any sources or data for their projects without my (the Indigo Mentor's) approval.
 - Submitting work previously created for another course or research program without the faculty's knowledge and written permission.
 - Any attempt to improve academic performance by presenting misleading information and/or making deceptive statements or falsifying documents.
 - Fabricating a citation, using a false citation, or submitting a partially inaccurate citation.

- Any act of plagiarism is the fraudulent presentation of the work of others as original. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
 - including a sequence of words quoted without quotation marks, an in-text citation, and a full citation in the Works Cited page, bibliography, endnotes, or footnotes;
 - including a paraphrased passage from another writer's work without properly citing or attributing that passage to its original author;
 - including ideas, sound recordings, video content, computer data, or images composed or created by someone else; and,
 - theft of another student's work and presenting it as one's own.
- I will guide my student to utilize proper procedures for researching, writing, and presenting their work.
 - These procedures vary depending on the region, but I will have the student follow Indigo's regulations while they are participating in its programs.
 - I will inform my student that after the completion of the student's time with Indigo, they may not violate Indigo's academic integrity policies while revising or presenting their final project and still claiming affiliation with their Indigo Mentor[s] or Indigo more broadly.
- I will reinforce to my student that there are legal and ethical restrictions relating to creative and intellectual property and consequences to dishonesty in the professional world, as well as in academia.
- I will ensure that any students collecting primary data for my IRIS course are complying with the ethical and safety measures that my university would require me to follow when collecting data of the same kind. I understand that Indigo cannot provide IRB approval and that it is my responsibility to ensure that all data collection associated with my IRIS course does not require this kind of approval.
- I will instruct my student to acknowledge myself and Indigo Research, thanking us for their guidance in my final paper. In the "Acknowledgements" section of my student's paper, I will instruct the student to write and sign the following statement: "I attest that the ideas, graphics, and writing in this paper are entirely my own."
- I will teach and require my students to cite every source that they use to inform their paper, adhering to a single, consistent style of citation (e.g., MLA, Chicago, MHRA, APA). I understand that my students must cite sources that they paraphrase as well as sources that they quote, and I will reinforce this lesson with my students.

- I accept that Indigo Research cannot guarantee the publication of my student's paper. Indigo can offer guidance, support, and knowledge, but no legitimate academic institution in the world can guarantee publication or success at the outset of a project.
 - I commit to providing honest and realistic assessments to parents, caregivers, and students regarding a student's project. While I will evaluate the student's skills and project trajectory, assessing its feasibility, I will never falsely guarantee success. I firmly believe that Indigo cannot assure specific outcomes.
- I will encourage my student to approach their project with curiosity, energy, and dedication to develop the new skills and knowledge necessary to produce a college-level research project. I accept that this project will be challenging for my student, and they may experience some frustrations and disappointments.
- Should I learn that my student has violated Indigo's Honor Code, I understand that I must report this violation to the Indigo support team (hello@indigoresearch.org) within 24 hours. I understand that any student who violates this code may be asked to terminate their Indigo package and/or inform a scholarly publication venue or university that they have violated Indigo's Honor Code of my own violation, and with full knowledge of their offense.
- I acknowledge that if I violate Indigo's Academic Honor Code or knowingly permit my student to do so, this will result in my dismissal from Indigo. I may also be asked to take responsibility for this violation in the form of a signed apology and ensure that the student's paper is withdrawn from any academic venue that has encountered it.
- I pledge to approach my Indigo student, their project, the Indigo team, and this honor code with the rigor and integrity that I bring to my own university teaching, research, and publications.

Indigo Mentor Signature: _____

Date: _____