

## **Clause on Scientific Integrity**

### **In the call text and application form**

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To this end, elementary rules of behaviour have been laid down in the *Ethical Code for scientific research in Belgium* and the *European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity*. Both documents are included in the call for research proposals. The FWO assumes that each researcher has acknowledged these codes from the moment the application is submitted and undertakes to comply with their provisions in all stages of the proposed research. This also applies to their host institutions, (co-)promoters and collaborators involved in FWO research, for whom the applicant bears partial responsibility.

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