**ACS Code of Professional Conduct Research**

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The ACS Code of Professional Conduct is the code of ethics used by the Australian Computer Society (ACS). It is a part of the ACS regulations. Failure to abide by the Code can be used as grounds for a claim of professional negligence, or could lead to disciplinary action, and therefore it is relevant to the Law.

The aim of the Code is to uphold six core values:

1. **The Primacy of the Public Interest**

“You will place the interests of the public above those of personal, business or sectional interests.”

1. **The Enhancement of Quality of Life**

“You will strive to enhance the quality of life of those affected by your work.”

1. **Honesty**

“You will be honest in your representation of skills, knowledge, services and products.”

1. **Competence**

“You will work competently and diligently for your stakeholders.”

1. **Professional Development**

“You will enhance your own professional development, and that of your staff.”

1. **Professionalism**

“You will enhance the integrity of the ACS and the respect of its members for each other.”

In a situation of conflict between values, The Primacy of the Public Interest takes precedence over the other values.