



Core Values

While each of the USG core values: Integrity, Excellence, Accountability and Respect may have slightly different meanings to employees across the state, it is important that we understand the meaning of each one from a university system perspective.

Integrity is defined as being: Honest, Fair, Impartial and Unbiased in our dealings both with and on behalf of the USG.

Excellence means that as system employees, we will perform our duties to the best of our abilities in an effort to foster a culture of outstanding achievement and ensure high quality in everything we do.

Accountability affirms that we believe that education in the form of scholarship, research, teaching, service and developing others is a public trust. This trust includes safeguarding our resources and being good stewards of everything human, intellectual, physical and fiscal given to our care.

Respect is that we acknowledge the inherent dignity and rights of every person, and we will do our utmost to fulfill our resulting responsibility to treat each person with Fairness, Compassion, Dignity in everything we do.

Each core value provides the foundation of the USG Ethics Policy.