

Non-Binding Template

Cooperation Agreement (Backup Model)

between

(Institution)

and

(Higher education institution [HEI] / Non-HEI research institution)

on Implementing the DFG Code *Guidelines for Safeguarding Good Research Practice*

Preamble

(Name of institution and brief description)

On (date), (HEI / non-HEI research institution) implemented the DFG Code *Guidelines for Safeguarding Good Research Practice* with legally binding effect. The corresponding set of rules is annexed to this agreement.

Article 1:

- The rules of (HEI / non-HEI research institution) for safeguarding good research practice, as in effect, will apply by analogy to the research staff and research support staff of (institution). (Institution) will oblige its research staff and research support staff to comply with these rules.
- The German Research Ombudsman committee will be available as contact persons to the staff of (institution) in matters of good research practice.
- The Commission for the Investigation of Allegations of Scientific Misconduct of (HEI / non-HEI research institution) will also be available to (institution). If allegations of research misconduct are raised against staff members of (institution), they will be handled by the relevant committees of (HEI / non-HEI research institution) in accordance with applicable procedural regulations currently in effect. The responsibility of the (head of the HEI / non-HEI research institution) then transfers to the (head of the institution).

Article 2:

The agreement will take effect on (date) after both parties have signed it.

Place, date

(Signature)

(Name of authorised signatory)
(Institution)

(Signature)

(Name of head of institution)
(HEI / non-HEI research institution)