

Declaration of Scientific Independence

- The structure of the research shall not be geared towards producing the desired outcome for the client.
- The assignment and its objective shall preferably be formulated jointly by the client and the researcher.
- Remuneration and other tokens of appreciation shall never depend on the outcome or interpretation of the research.
- The results of scientific research shall be published irrespective of whether they are favourable to the client.
- The scientist shall always be free to publish the findings of the research within a specified reasonable period of time. In this context, two months can be regarded as a reasonable period, with six months generally the maximum (this period being calculated from the moment that the final results are submitted to the client). An exception should be made where there are issues of Intellectual Property, in which case a period of no longer than twelve months would be acceptable.
- The method of publication shall be stipulated in the contract. Publication in a scientific journal shall take place in consultation with the client, but the researcher shall have the final say on the contents, the authors, the form of publication and where the research will be published.
- External financiers of research assignments and/or other sponsors shall be mentioned by name in publications and other forms of disclosure.
- Relevant interests and/or advisory relations of the researcher(s) shall be cited in publications and other forms of disclosure.
- The text of the contract shall be available for inspection in confidence by the National Council on Research Integrity (LOWI).



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