

Your answers to this survey will provide our field with important insights about how the codes of conduct of our professional associations have been internalized. **We have taken the survey** and urge you to make time to complete it thoughtfully.



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Dear Academic Researcher:

This survey seeks your opinion of the appropriateness of various behaviors that arise in the process of conducting and refereeing academic research. We seek to understand how individuals at different points in their careers as researchers might act when faced with decisions where the "right" choice may be unclear.

You will be presented with a series of brief scenarios where individuals faced choices; each describes a behavior that was chosen. We ask that you thoughtfully respond to the six questions shown with each scenario. We know that there are many demands on your time and we hope that you will be able to take approximately 30-45 minutes to share your opinion with our field.

To assure your anonymity, we collect no personally identifying data. For extra peace of mind, our survey is designed to work with anonymous proxy servers such as the one provided by the Rollins Center for eBusiness (see link below).

Respectfully:



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Returning users
enter code here:

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Where did you get your childhood education?

Highest degree earned:

- Ph. D.
- Master's
- Bachelor's
- Other:

What **year** was highest degree earned?

Where did you earn you highest degree?

Service as an academic referee:

- Reviewer Years:
- Associate Editor Years:
- Senior Editor Years:
- Editor-in-Chief Years:

To which of these associations have you belonged (past or present)?

- ACM (Ass'n for Computing Machinery)
- IEEE Computer Society
- AIS (Ass'n for Information Systems)
- AOM (Academy of Management)

Academic positions held:

- Lecturer
- Adjunct Professor
- Assistant Professor
- Associate Professor
- Full Professor
- Department Chair
- Associate Dean
- Dean
- Provost
- University President

Are you currently a student in a Ph.D. program?

- Yes
- No

What kind of researcher are you?

- Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Other:
- I'm not a researcher

Your most recent academic article:

Approximately how many academic articles have you published?

In answering the following questions, please consider the academic assignment that is most representative of your academic career.

Your typical **yearly** teaching load:

courses of credits per year.

Your department's typical **yearly** teaching load:

courses of credits per year.

Does your department grant Doctoral Degrees?

- Yes
- No

In your college (e.g. business school), do other departments grant Doctoral Degrees?

- Yes
- No

What is your professional time allocation?

- % for research
- % for teaching
- % for service
- % for other activities

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Comment

In addition to the review that Morgan had already completed, Reese found a well-written doctoral dissertation that had reviewed the literature related to their theoretical perspective. The dissertation cited a number of papers that were not part of the literature they reviewed in the formulation of their hypotheses. It was evident that most of these "new" papers were in harmony with the literature they had already read. Therefore, Reese and Morgan did not feel it necessary to read these papers. However, they felt that including these "new" citations would strengthen their paper.

They cited these "new" papers in their own manuscript without reading the text of the papers.

Judgment: Clearly Very
Appropriate Neutral Inappropriate

This behavior* is:

Never Often

I have felt pressure from others to engage in similar behavior*:

I have engaged in similar behavior*:

Colleagues in my discipline with whose behavior I am **personally familiar** engage in similar behavior*:

In general, **I believe that researchers in my discipline** engage in similar behavior*:

When facing similar situations **in the future**, I would likely engage in similar behavior*:

Prior

* "Behavior" refers to portion of situation shown in bold.

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Comment

Sidney was a prolific researcher with a reputation for providing thoughtful reviews. On one review, Sidney thought the authors of the manuscript had made a fundamental error in their interpretation of the modeling notation used in their experimental treatments. Sidney was familiar with the modeling notation but was not an expert and sought additional advice from a recognized expert.

Sidney sent the manuscript to an expert on the modeling notation with a note asking about the meaning of particular portions of the experimental treatments.

Judgment: Clearly Very
Appropriate Neutral Inappropriate

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Comment

Sidney was surprised to receive a request to review a paper that was authored by a recent coauthor. Sidney had never been asked to review a coauthor's work and was uncertain what to do. After reading the journal's review policy and finding nothing about reviewing a co-author's work,

Sidney accepted the review assignment and reviewed the manuscript written by a recent coauthor without informing the AE of the coauthor relationship.

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Appropriate Neutral Inappropriate

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Comment

Sidney was flattered at the invitation to serve the academic community as an AE of one of the field's most respected research outlets. Not long after beginning service, Sidney received a request to handle a manuscript that came with the following note from the senior editor (SE): "Sidney, one of the four authors on this paper had a publication with you last year. Under normal circumstances I would not ask you handle this paper, but you are the only one on our editorial board with any experience on this topic. Please do your best with this paper; I'm sure that you can be objective and select a qualified set of reviewers."

Sidney decided to handle the paper.

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Appropriate Neutral Inappropriate

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Comment

With several years' experience as an AE, Sidney received a truly outstanding manuscript. With a strong theoretical foundation, comprehensive literature review, novel experimental procedures, solid statistical analysis, and compelling recommendations, Sidney knew the paper would be published but thought "the sooner the better."

In selecting referees, Sidney considered only those who had a history of being "easy" on authors in order to reduce the time before the paper's publication.

Judgment: Clearly Appropriate Neutral Inappropriate Very

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Many years later, Sidney received an assignment to handle a manuscript authored by Robin Albinson. Sidney remembered the many painful interactions with Dr. Albinson back in that first doctoral seminar and about hearing (second hand) that Dr. Albinson had tried to have Sidney dismissed from the doctoral program after the first-year examinations. Although more than 15 years had passed, Sidney still felt resentment over the events of that first year and wondered if an old grudge would prevent a fair disposition of the manuscript now under consideration.

Sidney decided to accept the assignment to handle the manuscript.

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