

Professional Code of Conduct

The Econometric Society (the Society) holds that principles of professional conduct should guide its Officers, Council Members, and Editors and Co-editors of the Society's journals and monograph series, as well as all editorial board members.

The Econometric Society's founding purpose of "the advancement of economic theory in its relation to statistics and mathematics" requires intellectual and professional integrity. Integrity demands honesty, care, and transparency in conducting and presenting research; disinterested assessment of ideas; acknowledgement of limits of expertise; and disclosure of real and perceived conflicts of interest.

The Society encourages the "freedom of economic discussion." This goal requires an environment where all can freely participate and where each idea is considered on its own merits. Economists have a professional obligation to conduct civil and respectful discourse in all forums, including those that allow confidential or anonymous participation.

The Society seeks to create a professional environment with equal opportunity and fair treatment for all economists, regardless of age, sex, gender identity and expression, race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, disability, health condition, marital status, parental status, genetic information, political affiliation, professional status, or personal connections.

The Officers, Council Members and Editors and Co-editors of the Society's journals and monograph series, as well as all editorial board members, have an individual responsibility for their own conduct, and a collective responsibility to promote professional conduct. These responsibilities include developing institutional arrangements and a professional environment that promote free expression concerning economics. These responsibilities also include supporting participation and advancement in the economics profession by individuals from all backgrounds, including particularly those that have been historically underrepresented.

The Society strives to promote these principles through its activities.

Applying the Code of Conduct

Any Officer of the Society may be removed from office at any time by a two-thirds majority of the Council members then in office. This removal may take place at either a regular or a special meeting of the Council called according to the Society's Rules and Procedures. A breach of the Code of Conduct or the Conflict of Interest policy would be a reasonable cause for initiating such a procedure. The Society's Rules and Procedures also allow a minimum of 15% of the membership to petition the removal of an Officer, with a statement of why the individual concerned has violated either the Code of Conduct or Conflict of Interest Policy. The same procedures should apply to members of the Council and the Editors and Co-editors of the Society's journals and monograph series.