

# Research Integrity at PSI

### Seminar for doctoral students

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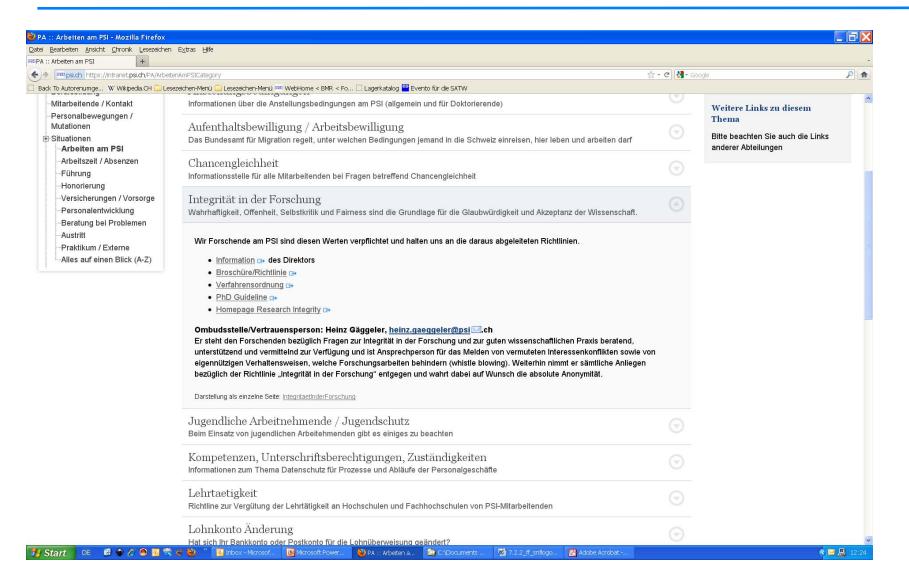
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# Personalabteilung (Human Resources)





### PhD students at PSI - Guidelines

#### Relevance of a PhD thesis

#### **Guidelines**

- Research plan
- Experimental work
- Reporting
- Ethical guidelines
- Publication
- Duration
- Writing the thesis
- Exams
- After the thesis

#### Guidance

Your PhD work is guided by a scientist and mentor at PSI; other persons may be involved depending on the project. The work is supervised by your thesis advisor, who is a professor at the university where you are inscribed as a PhD student, and may be internal or external to PSI. This constellation has been made known to you when you interviewed for the PhD position. At a later stage, additional external co-referee(s) will be appointed for judging your thesis and taking part in the final exam.



Personalabteilung

Ethical guidelines
 Scientific integrity is one of the highest assets in academic research.
 Corresponding guidelines are available at PSI, based on international and national recommendations. You must consult these guidelines and consider them carefully in your daily work.

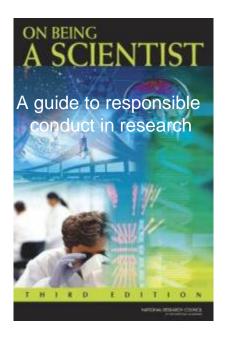


# On being a scientist

Why you are scientist?
What you are doing? (answer next slide)
How you do science?

Research Integrity (part of science ethics)

- What shall we do? (research topics)
- Theories, responsibility, codices, history (e.g. atomic bomb), meta-science, etc., merit-rating (bibliography, other criteria, scientific career)
- Principles: how you should conduct (normative)



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Avoid damage: to persons, animals and environment (short & long-term)

Create benefits: for the society (health, services, food, energy)

Be fair: distribution of merits (authorship, reviewing, plagiarism)

Respect autonomy: (human experiments, freedom of research, grants)



### Research?

### Research definition

(goals and practice)

Research can be defined as search for knowledge, or as any systematic investigation, to establish novel facts, solve new or existing problems, prove new ideas, or develop new theories, usually using a scientific method. The primary purpose for basic research (as opposed to applied research) is discovering, interpreting, and the development of methods and systems for the advancement of human knowledge on a wide variety of scientific\* matters of our world and the universe.

(Wikipedia)

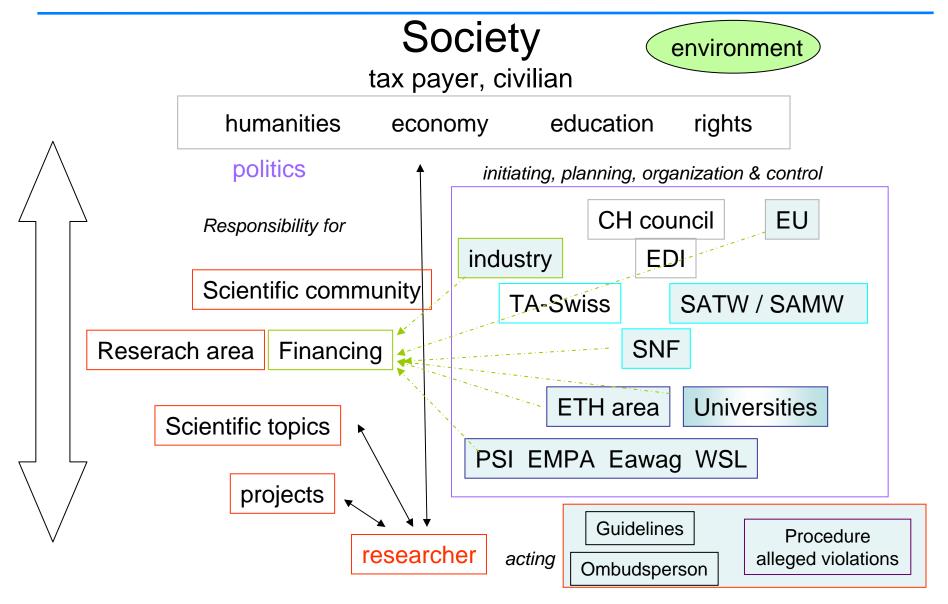
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## You are creating options for the future!

\* Criteria of science: commonly accepted and accessible, independent, revisable

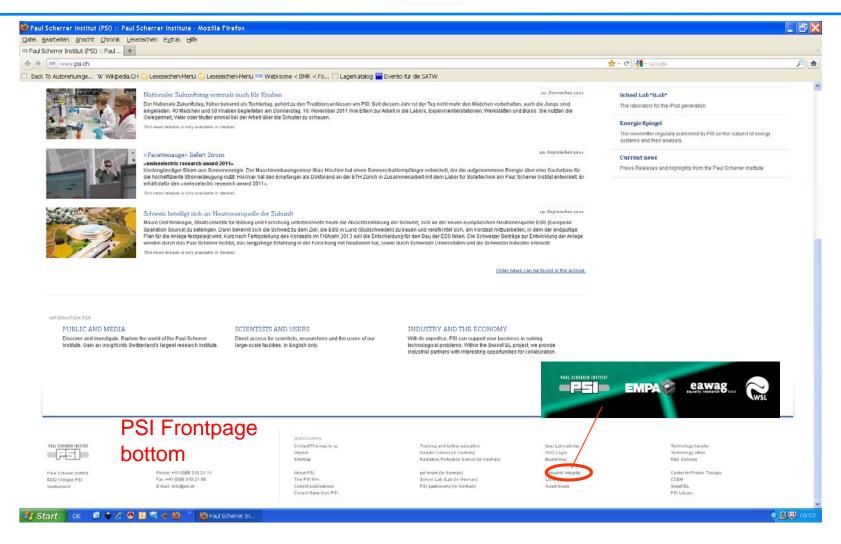


# Responsible research



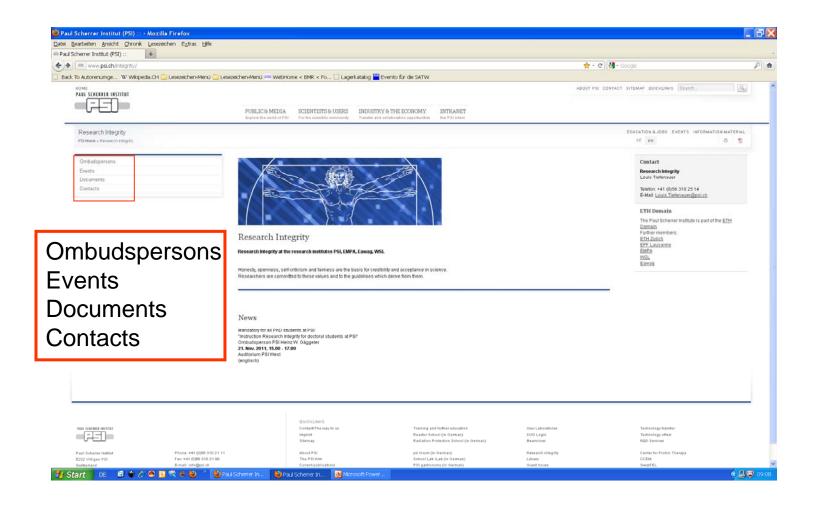


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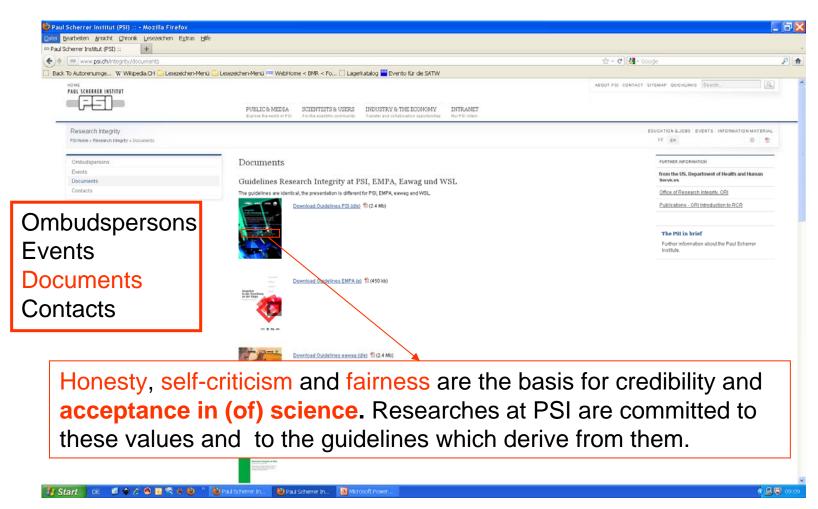
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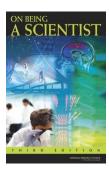


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Ombudsperson



#### Research Integrity at PSI 2011:

- Doctoral students information
- Courses at ETHZ (CPs available)
- Workshops at PSI
- Homepage
- Guidelines for PhD students



# Specific topics Research Integrity

#### Doctoral students affected: actively, passively

#### Research practice (experimental research)

- Research planning
  - Benefit-damage reflection, duties of leaders (PI) (research plan, coaching, resources), conflict of interest, third parties projects, legal regulations (animal protection, intellectal property, safety, etc.)
- Execution of research
   Collection, documentation and archiving of primary data; generation of results (data reduction and display)
- Publication of research results
   Duty to publish (scientific and popular), rights on data, procedure in publishing, authorship, citations (no plagiarism), sharing material & results, no fragmentation & dublications in publishing

#### Peer Reviewing

- publication, research proposal, expertise, research area (e.g. blue brain)
- obligations: confidentiality, avoiding conflict of interest, competence

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### Your duties

- Respect guidelines (are legal part of working contract)
- Avoid misconduct (violations are persecuted; especially fabrication, falsification & theft of data, plagiarism, FFTP, etc.)
- Contribute
  - to benefits of science (results!)
  - to credibility of sciences (self-criticism)
  - to acceptance of sciences (open days, popular sciences)
  - to advancement of sciences (seminars, education, etc.)
- Ask for help (Ombudsperson for all topics, avoid whistle blowing)

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Courtesy from ETHZ "Guidelines Research intergrity"