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### **Ethical Guidelines for Authors**

The National Academy of Science and Technology Philippines, the publisher of Transactions NAST PHL, issued a statement on the Ethical Principles and Guidelines for Filipino Scientists in July 2009 (<http://www.nast.ph/images/pdf%20files/Ethical%20Guidelines/epgfs.pdf> ). This statement has been adopted by Transactions NAST PHL as ethical guidelines for contributing authors.

The statement, which may be directed to science researchers in general, "articulates the general principles of ethical conduct in scientific work and all its aspects; ...should guide all scientists in their various roles and functions in the scientific and academic community, and... society, including research, publication and other forms of public communication, teaching and mentoring, among others...In the long term, NAST PHL hopes that this statement of ethical principles will guide ...scientists as they strive to maintain the highest levels of ethical and professional behaviors as they face new forms of ethical dilemmas that arise in today's more complex scientific environment".

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