Chiba University Research Data Policy

Preamble

Chiba University (hereinafter the University) states its mission as "to contribute to society by pioneering educational and research activities on a global stage" in its Charter. The University also aspires to contribute substantially to the peace and welfare of humanity, in harmony with nature.

This mission is actualized by the cultivation of well-educated specialists with expertise, skills, problem-solving capabilities, and the spirit of liberty and independence. The University embraces the cultivation of such specialists, innovates original research to solve contemporary societal issues, and consistently engages with the society at a global scale.

To create new knowledge, The University considers working across borders in diverse disciplines, in collaboration with the government and industry as essential. The University follows the philosophy of open science and collaborates extensively with many researchers, with the aim of realizing the above mission and furthering advanced, high-quality research that eventually receives international acclaim .

Furthermore, open research and open scholarly communication are rapidly growing internationally along with the digitization of research. To respond to the current situation, universities and researchers need to manage research data and duly promote its utilization at an international level.

1. **Purpose of Policy**

Chiba University Research Data Policy (hereinafter, the Policy) aims to foster the ideal environment required for autonomous and appropriate research data management, to promote the utilization of research data, and to support the publication of research data for individuals engaged in research at the University (hereinafter the Researchers). The University respects research freedom and academic diversity, and has established this policy to achieve the aforementioned goals.

2. **Definition of Research Data**

Within the scope of the Policy, "research data" refers to information that the Researchers have collected or generated during their research activities.

3.　Research Data Management

The Policy indicates that the Researchers who have collected or generated research data are responsible for managing such data in principle. The Researchers also bear the responsibility of research data management in compliance with legal and ethical requirements, considering the code of conduct in each research field.

4.　Utilization and Publication of Research Data

The Policy allows the Researchers to actively open and utilize the research data wherever possible. The Researchers are responsible for deciding whether to publish their research data based on their judgment, considering the legal and ethical requirements in each research field.

5.　Infrastructure Development

The University is responsible for developing the infrastructure required to support the management, utilization, and publication of the research data.

6.　Disclaimer

The University or the Researchers are not liable for any direct or indirect damage caused by the reuse of published research data, whereas the University provides the necessary support for ensuring the quality of research data published by the Researchers.

This policy will be reviewed as necessary in response to changes in legal, social, and academic landscape.