

**Department of Microbiology & Immunology
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Graduate Student Oath**

“I, [NAME], have entered the serious pursuit of new knowledge as a member of the community of scientists in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. As I embark on my Ph.D. training, I willingly pledge the following:

I will strive always to ensure that the results of my research and other scientific activities ultimately benefit humanity and cause no harm;

I will seek to incorporate the body of ethics and moral principles that constitute scientific integrity into all that I do and will conduct my research and my professional life in a manner that is always above reproach;

I will practice and support a scientific process that is based on logic, intellectual rigor, personal integrity, and an uncompromising respect for truth;

I will convey these scientific principles in my chosen profession, in mentoring, and in public debate;

I will be a responsible steward of the resources provided by taxpayers and donors in support of my education and research;

I will seek to increase public understanding of the principles of science and its humanitarian goals;

I will acknowledge and honor the contributions of scientists who have preceded me, and try to become a worthy role model deserving of respect by those who follow me.

By pronouncing this Graduate Student Oath, I declare my commitment to these professional standards and goals.”

Modified from oaths used at West Virginia University (1), the University of Toronto (2), and Boston University (3).

1. Craig *et al.*, (2003) An ethical affirmation for scientists. *Science* **299**, 1982.
2. Davis *et al.* (2008) A graduate student oath. *Science* **320**, 1587.
3. Ravid & Wolozin (2013) The scientist's pledge. *Academic Medicine* **88**, 743.