TA CODE OF ETHICS

As Teaching Assistants and members of the support staff in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Brigham Young University, we share these principles in regard to the university and faculty we represent, the students we teach and serve, and the teaching profession as a whole.

PROFESSIONALISM
As a representative of the Department and BYU we will:
• Pursue and continue to develop high personal and professional moral standards
• Uphold the ideals of academic integrity, specifically in regard to
  ▪ cheating or providing students with an unfair advantage
  ▪ misrepresentation of information
  ▪ fabrication of data
• Be conscientious in our respect for the law
• Maintain a high quality of learning and teaching that is characteristic of the academic community and BYU

ACCOUNTABILITY TO INSTRUCTORS
As part of a team led by the professor we will be:
• Respectful and supportive of instructors by
  ▪ reflecting their teaching philosophy and methods
  ▪ following their directives
• Accountable for the assignments we are given
• Honest and open in all communication

SERVICE TO OUR STUDENTS
As a student in a teaching capacity we commit to our peers to be:
• Fair and consistent in grading of assignments, quizzes, and tests
• Impartial in our respect for individuals by
  ▪ avoiding gender bias, sexual harassment, or discrimination in any form
  ▪ dividing time fairly among all students within our realm of responsibility
• Protective of privileged and confidential information, for example
  ▪ a student’s academic record
  ▪ private, personal information shared in the context of our role as a TA
• Invested in our responsibility by
  ▪ being fully prepared to teach and give instructional aide
  ▪ arriving on time for teaching assignments
  ▪ regularly attending the lecture session of our assigned class
• Cognizant of conflicts of interest, in other words
  ▪ avoid receiving payment for private tutoring services for a class in which we are also a TA
  ▪ abstain from pursuing a dating relationship with a student in our class

We accept personal responsibility for our actions and respect the right of our professors, students, and fellow TAs to hold us accountable to this standard. Should our ethics be questioned, the department administration will address the violation. We trust that reports of violations and the subsequent review proceedings will be held in strict confidence and that there will be no retaliation to any person honestly reporting an ethical violation.