



NATIONAL DAIRY COUNCIL®

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS

Scientific Integrity

- Pursue research on behalf of the dairy community to ensure quality and safety of dairy products, stimulate new product and ingredient innovation and better understand the role of dairy foods in healthy, sustainable eating patterns.
- Administer research grants through a competitive process that engages the expertise of external scientists to evaluate grant proposals.
- Adhere rigorously to accepted scientific principles, methods and conduct to guide study design, execution, data analysis, interpretation and presentation of results. Furthermore, National Dairy Council requires academic independence in the design, implementation, analysis, interpretation and ability to report and publish all findings of any sponsored research.
- Research will be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations for proper treatment of research subjects, animals and materials, including review and approval of human and animal study protocols by accredited and appropriate institutional review boards.

Transparency

- Disclose freely when National Dairy Council is a funding source or sponsor of research in all types of publications.
- Results from National Dairy Council-funded research will be made publicly available through publication in reputable peer-reviewed scientific journals, abstracts at scientific meetings and presentations to professionals. Once the research is published, results will also be communicated in ways that are truthful and not misleading to non-scientist audiences. Communication in these ways is encouraged for all research findings.
- Subject all National Dairy Council scientific research to USDA review and oversight as described in The Dairy Promotion Stabilization Act of 1983, 7 U.S.C. § 4501 et seq.

Public-Private Partnerships

- National Dairy Council recognizes the value of public-private partnerships to advance scientific research. National Dairy Council commits to the Institute for the Advancement of Food and Nutrition Sciences (IAFNS) Assembly on Scientific Integrity's [Guiding Principles for Funding Food Science and Nutrition Research](#). Additionally, our guiding principles are further informed by the [Interagency Committee on Human Nutrition Research](#), which emphasize honest communication, unbiased project selection, transparency, accountability, mutual trust and cooperation.

Note: NDC reviews these guiding principles annually to ensure they remain relevant, appropriate and useful.

Helpful Resources

- [Equator Network Reporting Guidelines for Main Study Types](#)
- [National Academy of Medicine Standards for Systematic Reviews](#)
- [Institute for the Advancement of Food and Nutrition Science](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's Guiding Principles for Public-Private Partnerships](#)
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19357216>