

Supply Chain Code of Ethics

Goal: To ensure an ethical, professional and accountable procurement program at McMaster University. To abide by the most rigorous ethical standards in all financial matters relating to the University, including maintaining a strict and unambiguous separation between institutional and personal property.

I. Personal Integrity and Professionalism

All individuals involved in purchasing or other supply chain-related activities must act, and be seen to act, with integrity and professionalism. Honesty, care and due diligence must be integral to all supply chain activities within and between BPS organizations, suppliers and other stakeholders. Respect must be demonstrated for each other and for the environment. Confidential information must be safeguarded. Participants must not engage in any activity that may create, or appear to create a conflict of interest, such as accepting gifts or favours, providing preferential treatment, or publicly endorsing suppliers or products.

II. Accountability & Transparency

Supply chain activities must be open and accountable. In particular, tendering, contracting and purchasing activities must be fair, transparent and conducted with a view to obtaining the best value for public money. All participants must ensure that public sector resources are used in a responsible, efficient and effective manner.

III. Compliance & Continuous Improvement

All individuals involved in purchasing or other supply chain-related activities must comply with this Code of Ethics and the laws of Canada and Ontario. Participants should continuously work to improve supply chain policies and procedures, improve supply chain knowledge and skill levels, and to share leading practices.