



8. Form F – Ethical Code

The BritishSpanish Society wishes to adhere to the ethical rules approved by the European Commission. BSS Scholarship candidates must ensure that their research follows the **Twelve Golden Rules to Ethical Research Conduct**:

1. Respects the integrity and dignity of persons (that this intrinsic worth protects them from being used for greater perceived benefits).
2. Follows the “Do no harm” principle. Any risks must be clearly communicated to subjects involved.
3. Recognizes the rights of individuals to privacy, personal data protection and freedom of movement.
4. Honours the requirement of informed consent and continuous dialogue with research subjects.
5. Treats animals with respect and works under humane conditions before, during and after the research.
6. Designs animal research in accordance with the 3 Rs: Replacement, Reduction, Refinement.
7. Respects the principle of proportionality: not imposing more than is necessary on your subjects or going beyond stated objectives (mission creep).
8. Treats societal concerns seriously – a researcher’s first obligation is to listen to the public and engage with them in constructive dialogue, transparently, honestly and with integrity
9. Tries to prevent being openly available for mis-use or malignant dual use by terrorists or military organizations.
10. Recognises the wholeness of an individual and that any modification (genetic or technological) does not interfere with this principle.
11. Respects biodiversity and does not impose irreversible change that threatens the environment or ecological balance.
12. Builds on the understanding that any benefits are for the good of society, and any widely shared expressions of concern about threats from your research must be considered (with the acceptance that perhaps certain research practices might have to be abandoned).

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I have noted the aforementioned ethical rules and, if my project is funded by a BritishSpanish Society Scholarship, will take all necessary steps to ensure the research is completed in line with the above ethical code.

Project/Description of activity:	
Project supervisor’s name*:	
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