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Subject: Announcing Updated Faculty of Medicine Authorship Guidelines



Dear Members of the HMS and HSDM Community,

We are writing to announce the release of the updated Faculty of Medicine [Authorship Guidelines](#). While the underlying principles have not changed since the 1999 version, we have presented a more contemporized framework aligned with widely recognized standards. The revised documents are intended to provide clearer guidance on contributions that merit authorship, to distinguish authorship from acknowledgment, to reinforce all authors' responsibilities for the integrity of the work, and to describe unacceptable authorship practices.

We have also created a companion document called [Additional Resources for Authorship](#) intended to address related academic conventions, such as authorship order, collaborative publishing, and recommendations for dispute resolution. We have included a section on artificial intelligence in publishing, recognizing that this guidance will necessarily continue to evolve. Neither document reflects policy; instead, they compile best practices for trainees and faculty in navigating their academic careers.

These revisions were spearheaded by program directors in the Office for Faculty Affairs. We are also grateful for iterative feedback from the Office for Clinical and Academic Affairs, the Office for Academic and Research Integrity, multiple Faculty of Medicine governance bodies, and the Faculty Council.

Both documents are embedded in our [section 3.10 of our Faculty Handbook](#) (Policies and Guidelines on Integrity in Science) and are also reflected on corresponding websites: the [Harvard Ombuds Office](#) and the [Office for Academic and Research Integrity](#).

We encourage the community to use these resources and to share their feedback as we work collectively to uphold authorship practices that are accurate, equitable, and transparent for all.

Sincerely,

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