

Archimedes Oath

Taking into account the life of Archimedes of Syracuse, who illustrated in Antiquity the ambivalent potential of technology,

Taking into account the growing responsibility of engineers and scientists in regards to Nature and Human Beings,

Taking into account the importance of ethical problems raised by Technology and its applications,

Today, I swear to the following engagements, and promise to strive to attain the ideal they represent:

- I will practice my profession with the good of all people in mind, respecting human rights* and environmental sanctity.
- I will take responsibility for my actions, having informed myself to the fullest extent, and will in no case discharge such responsibility on others.
- I will strive to perfect my professional abilities.
- In choosing and completing my projects, I will pay attention to their context and their consequences, particularly with respects to technical, economic, social, and ecological aspects, and will strive for the respect of the environment.
- I will be especially careful in regards to any military uses that my work could have.
- I will contribute to preserving the environmental and social integrity of our planet.
- I will contribute to the best of my abilities to the promotion of equity for all human beings, and will help construct a just society for all.
- I will rigorously and honestly transmit any information to carefully chosen persons, if such information represents a necessary knowledge or if holding it back puts anyone in danger. In the latter case, I will ensure that such information leads to concrete actions.
- I will not let my personal or professional interests take precedence over what I deem to be just.
- I will, to the best of my ability, strive to encourage those who surround me, in both my personal and professional life, to follow the ideals of the present oath.
- I will practice my profession in a context of intellectual honesty, with conscience and with dignity.
- I promise solemnly, freely, and on my honour.

* According to the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights