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Dear Instructor:

Welcome to McMaster University’s academic integrity website.

The issue of academic integrity is central to the mission of a university. Over the past six years, through the efforts of the Office of Academic Integrity, McMaster has made huge progress towards raising awareness of the issue and developing policies and procedures to deal with cases of academic dishonesty. By doing so, McMaster has established itself as a model for other universities to follow. This has only been possible through the participation of course instructors.

You can help to ensure academic integrity by clearly stating expectations in your course and through the design of your assignments/tests/exams. You should also ensure that, if an instance of academic dishonesty is detected, you follow the procedures that are outlined in the website. Suggestions for educating students, language for course outlines, invigilation tips, ideas to prevent cheating from occurring and many other helpful ideas are also included.

If you have any questions, please contact The Academic Integrity Office at extension 24303 or acinteg@mcmaster.ca.

Sincerely,

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