

Constitution of the Data Science for Scientists Club

Article I. Section 1. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Data Science for Scientists Club, also referred to as datasci4sci as an abbreviation.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Data Science for Scientists Club shall be to:

- A. Promote data science literacy among fellow scientists;
- B. Introduce fellow scientists to basic ideas of programming, data analysis, and modern informatics practices;
- C. Provide an environment for exchange of ideas between members.

Section 3. Non-Discrimination Policy

The Data Science for Scientists Club does not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

As a student organization at The Ohio State University, Data Science for Scientists Club expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II. Membership: Qualifications and categories of membership

- A. The voting membership of this organization shall be open to all currently enrolled students of the Ohio State University.

- B. General, non-voting membership is open to any OSU affiliates who are interested in joining the organization. Specifically, postdoctoral researchers, staff members, and faculty may become general, non-voting members of the organization.
- C. No application is required to become a member, but membership is subject to approval of the Executive Committee and the adviser.

Article III. Methods for Removing Members and Executive Officers

- A. If a member engages in behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violates the organization's Constitution or By-laws, or violates the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law, the member may be removed through a majority vote of the Executive Committee in consultation with the organization's adviser. Examples of behaviors detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization are presented in the Section II of the By-Laws.
- B. Any elected officer of the chapter may be removed from their position for cause. Cause for removal includes, but is not limited to: violation of the Constitution or By-laws, failure to perform duties, or any behavior that is detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, including violations of the Student Code of Conduct, university policy, or federal, state, or local laws. The Executive Committee may act for removal upon a majority affirmative vote of the executive board in consultation with the organization's adviser.
- C. In the event that the reason for member removal is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) or cannot otherwise be shared with members (e.g., while an investigation is pending), {00312468-1} the executive board, in consultation with the organization's adviser, may vote to temporarily suspend a member or executive officer.

Article IV. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The election, terms of office and duties are described in the By-laws.

Article V. By-Laws

The Executive Committee (by majority vote, in a regular or special meeting called for that purpose) shall have the power to adopt and amend as necessary By-laws for the proper governance of the organization.

Article VI. Adviser

The adviser to this organization shall be a full-time administrator, faculty or staff.

Article VII. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws of this organization.

Article VIII. Amendments

A. A proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be presented to the Executive Committee at least thirty days prior to its proposed adoption.

B. The text of the proposed amendment shall be presented to all members at least fourteen days prior to the proposed adoption.

C. This Constitution shall be amended only by the majority of the members voting by open ballot.

D. Unless otherwise provided, all amendments shall take effect at the beginning of the membership year following their adoption.

Article IX. Dissolution

A. This organization may be dissolved after dissolution is approved by the Executive Committee and by a majority vote of its members, provided that notice of a vote on dissolution is presented to the members at least thirty days prior to the vote.

B. Upon dissolution, any remaining funds shall be distributed as deemed appropriate by the consensus of the voting membership.

Date adopted: March 31st, 2021

By-Laws

Section I. Membership Year

The membership year shall be January 1st through December 31st.

Section II. Organization Responsibilities

Data Science for Scientists Club does not assume any responsibility for any behaviors of its members that are detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization, violate the organization's Constitution or By-laws, or violate the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law. Examples of behaviors detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization include, but are not limited to: harassment, theft of property, theft of ideas, unauthorized sharing of data or code, and violating the club's confidentiality agreement.

Section III. Confidentiality Agreement

Data Science for Scientists Club is based on the premise that ideas and skills can be exchanged freely between the members. However, this freedom is limited by the fact that members of the organization are not allowed to copy other members' data without explicit permission, are not allowed to distribute other members's data outside of the Data Science for Scientists Club without explicit permission, and are not allowed to discuss or share other members' specific research ideas and findings outside of the sessions of the Data Science for Scientists Club without explicit permission. Members of the Data Science for Scientists club must review this confidentiality agreement and acknowledge the fact that they have reviewed it.

Section IV. Covid-19 Management Strategy

For the remainder of the 2021 calendar year, all in-person gatherings of the Data Science for Scientists Club are subject to approval by the adviser and the majority of the Executive Committee. In case an in-person gathering is approved, participating members must adhere to the rules imposed by the University at the time of the meeting, relating to the permitted number of the members in the meeting etc..

Individual members are responsible for finding out whether participating in such an activity would violate any of the rules imposed by their specific College, Department, Graduate Program or a similar entity.

If questions arise, members should consult the following webpages: [Safeandhealthy.osu.edu](https://safeandhealthy.osu.edu), [Go.osu.edu/StudentOrgCOVIDHelp](https://go.osu.edu/StudentOrgCOVIDHelp), [Go.osu.edu/StudentOrgHome](https://go.osu.edu/StudentOrgHome) or their immediate supervisor.

Section V. Membership

Currently enrolled OSU students, postdocs, staff, and faculty may become general members of this organization, however, voting membership is limited to currently enrolled OSU students only.

Funds collected in support of this student organization must be expended in agreement with the Student Organization guidelines. Non-student members will be responsible for any costs incurred through participation in student activities.

Section VI. Executive Committee

- A. Only currently enrolled students can be elected to the Executive Committee.
- B. Members may be nominated by other members or self-nominate to be elected to the Executive Committee.
- C. In an event that any member of the Executive Committee leaves their position prior to the conclusion of the membership year, an election shall be held to replace the leaving member.
- D. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a semester. Additional meetings may be called at a request of any member of the Executive Committee.
- E. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected by the voting members of the organization by a majority vote at the beginning of the new membership year.
- F. Exiting members of the Executive Committee shall be required to have two one-on-one meetings with their replacement counterparts as part of the transition of power process.
- G. The President shall serve a one-year long term, and shall be responsible for the following duties:
 - 1. Leading the meetings of the organization and preparing agenda for these meetings.
 - 2. Filling out and submitting annual registration forms.
 - 3. Scheduling meetings.
 - 4. Communicating with the members.
- H. The Vice-President shall serve a one-year term and shall assist the President with their duties in an event that the President is incapacitated and as delegated by the President.
- I. The Treasurer shall serve a one-year term and shall be in charge of the finances of the Data Science for Scientists Club.

I. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings.

Section VII. Amendments

A. A proposed amendment to the By-laws shall be presented to the Executive Committee at least thirty days prior to its proposed adoption.

B. The By-Laws shall be amended only by the vote of the majority of the members of the Executive Committee voting by open ballot.

C. Unless otherwise provided, all amendments shall take effect at the beginning of the membership year following their adoption.

Date Adopted: March 31st, 2021