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Code of Ethics in Research

The institute in its objectives of promoting high standard research culture among its faculty and students formulates the following code of ethics in research to ensure quality, integrity and legitimate practices in research.

The institutional and departmental framework will ensure the adherence to the norms and practices of ethics leading to qualitative research. Indulging in fabrication, falsification or plagiarism including misrepresentation of credentials in proposing, performing or reviewing research or in reporting results shall be interpreted research misconduct.

In view of the above following are the code of ethics in research, every faculty, student and researcher shall abide by. Every author and researchers:

- 1) Shall strictly avoid the use of words, ideas or data that occur in work belonging to others, without proper attribution or citation.
- 2) Shall not violate or infringe intellectual property rights of any other organization or individual.
- 3) Shall ensure that the conclusions/findings are to be based on accurate data and observations and also that all the relevant information is reported without errors, lapses or any alterations.
- 4) Shall appropriately acknowledge by citing the sources of concepts, information, even if minor contributions in the form of advice or suggestions on subject material at the time of publication of the manuscripts to journals, conferences, seminars and workshops or any other information dissemination forum.
- 5) Shall avoid simultaneous submission of manuscripts or extracts from research for publication at multiple platforms unless approved by the editors of the respective publications.
- 6) Shall be cautious about not implying an unwarranted status of the manuscript while citing his/her own unpublished work.
- 7) Shall strictly avoid publication of same article in two different places without reasonable grounds and shall not self-plagiarize.
- 8) Shall disclose in good faith all potentially patentable inventions and intellectual property that have been made in course of a research that is affiliated to an institution.
- 9) Shall oblige on the part of all members of the academic community to report research misconduct of all sorts to the appropriate authority.



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- 10) Shall mandatorily submit a correction or retraction in a form specified by the editor or publisher in event of inadvertent, intentional or unintentional error, or an instance of plagiarism reported subsequently after the publication of the research work.
- 11) Shall submit progress reports and final research reports in time to sponsors providing research awards and funding agencies from time to time as required by the sponsors and funding agencies.
- 12) Shall maintain the good standards of accuracy, integrity, honesty for the manuscripts submitted for publication.
- 13) Shall be conversant with the special terms on reporting, disclosure and confidentiality, as laid down as part of such agreements, terms and conditions of product or service usage and must comply with the specific set of rules on intellectual property right protection.