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Code of Ethics to Check Malpractices and Plagiarism in Research

Preamble:

Ethics and plagiarism are the most significant element of the academic activities in teaching, research and in publications. Quite often it is observed that researchers claim others work as their own, which will degrade the reputation of the individuals and the institution. Higher education and research are in a constant state of change. Societal demands and expectations of what knowledge should deliver are multiple and expanding. Research in higher education institutions is continuously pushing back the frontiers of discovery. The formative and socializing role of higher education in educating diverse group of students, at times with unpredictable consequences of scientific and intellectual enquiry, place additional responsibility on the entire academic community to deepen ethical self-awareness, to act with integrity and to examine continuously the ethical underpinnings and implications of their actions in the wider community. In this context, it is essential that the faculty members and students be prepared to face and resolve ethical dilemmas of complex nature pertaining to research and publications.

Objectives

- I. To create academic awareness about responsible conduct of research, study, project work, assignment, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity- and prevention of misconduct including plagiarism in academic writing among students, researchers, faculty- and other members of academic staff as well as any employee of institution.
- II. To establish institutional mechanism through education and training to facilitate responsible conduct of research, study, project work, assignment, thesis, dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and deterrence from plagiarism.
- III. To develop systems to detect plagiarism and to set up mechanisms to prevent plagiarism and punish a student, faculty, or staff of institution committing the act of plagiarism.


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Guidelines:

Institute insists to use plagiarism checking software so as to ensure that documents such as thesis, dissertation, papers, project reports, publications or any other such documents are free of plagiarism or within the permissible limits at the time of their submission.


1. Every student submitting a thesis, dissertation, technical papers or any other such documents to the supervisor/guide shall submit an undertaking indicating that the document has been prepared by him/ her and that the document is his/her original work and free of any plagiarism.
2. Every faculty- researcher submitting a thesis, dissertation, technical papers or any other such documents to the Research and Development cell shall submit an undertaking indicating that the document has been prepared by him or her.
3. The undertaking shall include the fact that the document has been duly checked through a Plagiarism detection tool approved by the institution.
4. Each supervisor/guide shall submit a certificate indicating that the work done by the researcher/student under him/her is plagiarism free.

To check the plagiarism issues at the UG level, project committee has been formed comprising a professor as its coordinator and senior faculty representing each department the UG students who produce their work in the form of Research Publication / Research Proposal / Project Report.

To check the plagiarism issues at the PG and PhD level, the institution follows the guidelines laid by the Visveswaraya Technological University. As per these guidelines, the research work of faculty / PG students in the form of thesis must go through the process of plagiarism checking and has to maintain high academic and production standards. The details are available in the following link:
<http://vtu.ac.in/pdf/plagiarism.pdf>

All faculty researchers seeking for paper submission are requested to submit the plagiarism report (maximum 15%) along with the paper to the research supervisor for review.

All PG students are made compulsory to submit plagiarism report (Maximum 25%), no objection from guide and co-authors to get their project work approved for publication / thesis presentation, which is in line with University guidelines.


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Suggestions to Avoid Plagiarism:

Plagiarism could be avoided by paraphrasing, citing, quoting and referencing the original work. The faculty/ students are advised to use the following information in professional and in academic writing:

1. If you use the language of your source, you must quote it exactly, enclose it in quotation marks, and cite the source.
2. If you use ideas or information that is not common knowledge, you must cite the source.
3. If you didn't invent it, cite the source.
4. Unless your professor explicitly tells you to paraphrase, don't paraphrase.
5. When in doubt, cite the source. Doing so can only enhance your readers sense of your honesty.

In order to detect the plagiarism the students/faculty are advised to use the following software/ tools.


There are software's available to check the plagiarism. The links for online plagiarism checking software are available in college website. To quote a few:

- 1) <https://www.duplichecker.com>
- 2) <https://searchenginereports.net/plagiarism-checker>
- 3) <https://www.copyscape.com/plagiarism.php>
- 4) www.plagramme.com
5. <https://www.plagiarismssoftware.net/>
6. <https://www.quetext.com/>
7. <https://edubirdie.com/plagiarism-checker>

Anti Plagiarism Committee:

To monitor any violation of the rule and other issue, complaints pertaining to plagiarism, a committee is formed, comprising the following members.

1. Principal
2. Dean Academics
3. Coordinator R & D
4. HOD of Respective Departments
5. Guide


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