# SRINIVAS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANGALURU

# Code of Ethics to check malpractices and plagiarism in Research

The institute is committed to honour the highest standards of ethics in research adhering to the guidelines laid by VTU and takes all possible measures to check the malpractices and plagiarism.

## Objectives of Anti-Plagiarism

- Inculcate the habit of respecting the academic integrity and discipline.
- To identify any act of dishonesty in academic work constitutes academic misconduct.

## The proposed workflow

1. The research scholar should submit the soft copy of the thesis for the plagiarism check to the examination section through a CD.
2. Checking shall be done excluding the bibliography, index and references.
3. During the initial plagiarism check the thesis shall not be added to the data repository.
4. The anti-plagiarism report will be generated and mailed back to the student, guide, co-guide and the Registrar (Evaluation).
5. A letter from the office of Registrar (Evaluation) to this effect will be sent to the guide, co-guide and student.
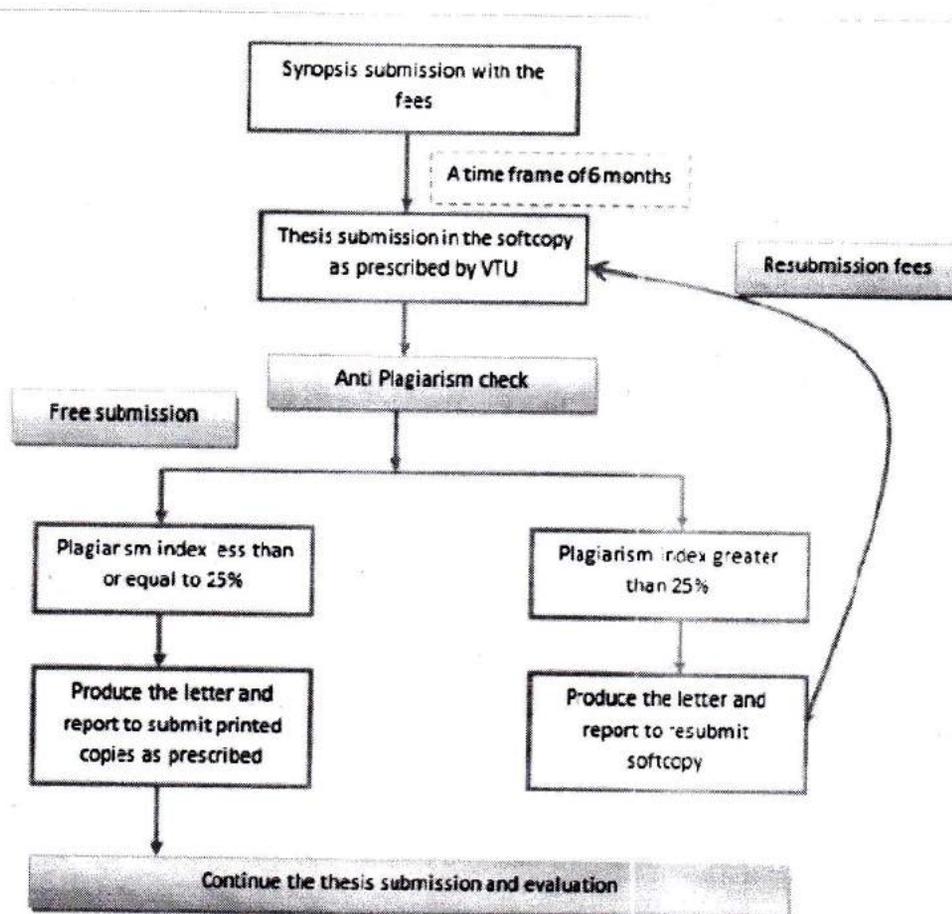
## Permitted Similarity index <= 25%

6. The thesis can be printed and submitted to the examination section only if a letter to this effect is issued to the candidate, guide and co-guide.
7. The candidate shall mandatorily produce the anti-plagiarism report as a part of the thesis.
8. If the similarity index is > 25% the modified thesis has to be resubmitted following the step no.1 of the process as per university norms. The third chance shall be considered as the final submission failing which the thesis shall not be accepted.

## Mechanism:

Smallseotools, Quetext and Turn-it-in are internet based plagiarism detection tools. They are used to check plagiarism in documents like research papers, synopsis and thesis, etc. Smallseotools, on line. Quetext and Turnitn, check for potential unoriginal content by comparing submitted papers to several databases using a proprietary algorithm.

The detailed work flow diagram is as below



**Flow diagram of the process**

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