



## **Code of Ethics to Check Malpractices and Plagiarism in Research**

**Sampurnanand Sanskrit University**

### 1. Integrity and Honesty:

All researchers, scholars, faculty members, and students affiliated with Sampurnanand Sanskrit University must uphold the highest standards of integrity and honesty in their research activities. They should conduct their research with sincerity and transparency, avoiding any form of academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, data fabrication, and falsification.

#### Explanation:

Integrity and honesty form the foundation of credible research. Researchers should be committed to presenting accurate and original work, ensuring that their findings are based on legitimate data and sources. They should avoid misrepresentation and be accountable for their research outcomes.

### 2. Originality and Attribution:

Researchers must ensure that their work is original and appropriately attributed to the relevant sources. Proper citation and acknowledgment of the contributions of others must be given in all research outputs, including publications, presentations, and thesis/dissertations.

#### Explanation:

Originality is essential in advancing knowledge and contributing to the academic community. Proper attribution of ideas and works from others acknowledges their contributions and prevents misrepresentation or misuse of intellectual property.

### 3. Academic Supervision:

Supervisors and mentors play a crucial role in guiding research scholars. They must actively monitor and ensure that the research undertaken by their students adheres to ethical standards. They should educate and encourage their students to avoid any unethical practices.

#### Explanation:

Supervisors have a responsibility to promote ethical research practices and mentor their students to conduct research with integrity. Their guidance can significantly influence the ethical behavior of researchers under their supervision.

#### 4. Plagiarism Detection:

Sampurnanand Sanskrit University will implement plagiarism detection tools to identify and prevent plagiarism in research papers and other scholarly works. Researchers must submit their work to these tools for review before publication or submission for evaluation.

##### Explanation:

Plagiarism detection tools act as a preventive measure to identify potential instances of plagiarism. They act as a deterrent and ensure that researchers are aware of the consequences of plagiarizing others' work.

#### 5. Research Review and Oversight:

The university will establish a Research Ethics Committee (REC) to review and oversee research activities. The REC will be responsible for investigating any allegations of malpractice or plagiarism and taking appropriate action based on its findings.

##### Explanation:

The REC provides an impartial and expert review of potential cases of malpractice and plagiarism. Its existence ensures that ethical considerations are addressed and enforced at various stages of the research process.

#### 6. Collaboration and Credit:

Collaborative research should be conducted with transparency and fairness. All contributors must receive appropriate credit and recognition for their contributions to the research.

##### Explanation:

In collaborative research, proper attribution of contributions helps maintain a fair and ethical academic environment. Each contributor's role and contribution should be acknowledged to avoid disputes and ensure equitable credit distribution.

#### 7. Data Management:

Researchers must handle research data with utmost care and adhere to data management best practices. Data should be securely stored, and access should be limited to authorized personnel.

Explanation:

Proper data management ensures the integrity of research findings and allows for data verification and replication. Protecting research data from unauthorized access prevents misuse and unethical practices.

#### 8. Ethical Approval and Informed Consent:

For studies involving human subjects or animal research, researchers must obtain ethical approval from the relevant committees. Informed consent must be obtained from participants, and their privacy and confidentiality should be protected.

Explanation:

Ethical approval and informed consent protect the rights and well-being of research participants. Upholding these principles ensures that researchers conduct studies responsibly and ethically.

#### 9. Disciplinary Action:

Any researcher found guilty of malpractices or plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary action as per the university's policies. This may include revoking degrees, academic suspension, termination of employment, and reporting the misconduct to relevant authorities.

Explanation:

The prospect of disciplinary action acts as a deterrent against malpractices and plagiarism. Enforcing consequences for unethical behavior upholds the university's commitment to maintaining academic integrity.

#### 10. Educational Programs on Ethics:

Sampurnanand Sanskrit University will organize regular educational programs, workshops, and seminars to raise awareness about research ethics, plagiarism,

and academic integrity. These programs will be mandatory for all faculty, researchers, and students.

Explanation:

Educational programs play a vital role in creating a culture of research integrity and ethical conduct. Such initiatives help researchers understand the importance of ethical practices and equip them with the knowledge to avoid inadvertent misconduct.

#### 11. Reporting Mechanism:

The university will establish a confidential reporting mechanism for whistleblowers to report suspected instances of malpractices or plagiarism without fear of reprisal.

Explanation:

A reporting mechanism encourages individuals to come forward with evidence of malpractices or plagiarism, fostering a transparent and accountable research environment.

#### 12. Continuous Monitoring and Improvement:

The university will continuously monitor the effectiveness of its efforts to prevent malpractices and plagiarism and make improvements as needed to ensure a robust ethical environment.

Explanation:

Continuous monitoring allows the university to assess the efficacy of its policies and procedures and identify areas for improvement. This iterative process helps maintain the university's commitment to promoting research integrity.

By implementing this Code of Ethics, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University aims to foster a culture of academic integrity, original research, and ethical conduct among its faculty, researchers, and students. The university recognizes that upholding these principles is essential for maintaining its reputation as a credible institution of higher learning and research.



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