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Code of Ethics Policy for Research Regulations-2025.

Code of Ethics Policy for Research

Preamble

Academic Research and Consultancy is a systematic and scientific approach in search of knowledge and its dissemination. Vivek University encourages the faculty members, research scholars and students to follow the Code of Ethics for Academic and Research as implicit in standards. In particular, ethics in dissemination of knowledge with impeccable standing is always an aspiration to the members of Vivek University Community. The Quality of Research and its Academic reach hinge on the intellectual contributions as well as professional ethics exhibited by the Faculty Members.

Research is the rigorous and continuous pursuit of truth. Research follows systematic and rational methodologies, which involve defining the question, hypothesizing, making unbiased observations, analysing the observations, and finally interpreting the results to support or reject the hypothesis. Ethics refers to norms of conduct that distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. Research ethics is the application of moral rules and professional codes of conduct to the collection, analysis, reporting and publication of information.

This university promotes research activities such as Publishing articles, writing proposals for Funded Research Projects, Patent grants etc., The university provides complete freedom to all the researchers to choose the field of research, executing their research activities and publish their research outputs. It is important to ethically improve quality and simultaneously prevent any academic misconduct, including plagiarism. The Code of Ethics framed here covers the various aspects of proactive measures towards violation of ethics, deviation of standards and tasks of Ethics Committee.

Aim of the Code of Ethics Policy for Research

The Policy ensures implementation of stated Code of Ethics by supplementing and complementing widely accepted practices in Academic and Research. This includes appreciating Originality and Reporting Standards of intellectual findings; Acknowledgement of Sources; Credit to Authors; Presence of Institutional Ethics (Human and Animal) Committee and Invention Disclosure. In particular, it is essential that certain ethical guidelines be adhered by Faculty Members involved in Academics and Research to sustain the continued Quality for better outreach of the University.

Objectives of the Policy

The objectives of the Code of Ethics Policy include:

- To propagate highest level of Ethical Adherence by faculty members, research scholars and students to attain Academic Integrity and Honesty.
- To conduct Academic and Research activities by adhering to compliance in Contractual as well as Grant Terms and Conditions.
- To exhibit Professional Ethics and demonstrate highest standards of Academics and Research Quality for better outreach of the University.

Guidelines and Terms of Reference

The University ensures implementation of stated Code of Ethics through the following Parameters:

- Inclusion of Research Ethics in the Research Pre Ph. D. Course Work.

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- University Ethics Committee for Human & Animal Trials.
- Plagiarism Check.
- Research Advisory Committee.

In addition, widely accepted norms and standard ethical practices to be adopted by the Faculty Members can be summarized as follows:

Values of Research Integrity

Research integrity and ethical conduct are largely inter-related. Research integrity reflects moral adherence to the defined ethical code of conduct and professional standards as a personal conviction rather than because of compulsion of institutional rules and regulations. Ethical principles refer to honesty and trustworthiness of records and the dissemination of the research output.

1. **Honesty:** The foundation of teaching, learning, research and the whole system. Making honest efforts in all aspects of academics is the foundation of education system.
2. **Trust:** Interpersonal faith among the academia, students and the academic administrators.
3. **Fairness:** Fair treatment to each other is another component of integrity. Students expect fair treatment from the faculty and the administration, while faculty expects fair treatment by the students, colleagues and administration.
4. **Respect:** The faculty/supervisor must give respect to the students/scholars by taking seriously their ideas and feedback, valuing their aspirations and goals and recognizing them as responsible individuals. On similar lines students/scholars should respect the verdict of the faculty/supervisor in the class and the outcome of the evaluation.
5. **Responsibility:** Present oneself in a responsible way in all aspects of academic activities despite peer pressure, fear, loyalty or compassion.

Originality and Reporting Standards

Authors are the primary contributors for the academic standard of the journal. The research reported in the submitted manuscript should be the original work and shall not be published a priori or currently shall not be under review for any publication elsewhere. Since Research is an honor and privilege, Authors have the bounden obligation to reveal the research findings adopting the rule of revealing "**Whole Truth, Only the Truth and Nothing but the Truth**" philosophy. It is the responsibility of the Authors to ensure that all the information and pertinent details be provided in the research paper/proposal to facilitate a reasonably knowledgeable researcher to prove, validate and verify the results and claims reported in the paper/project

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Authorship of the Paper

All the individuals who have contributed to the formulation of the research problem, implementation and execution as well as in the verification shall be provided due credit as an Author. All contributors to the research findings reported in the manuscript shall be included in the list of Authorship and all the Authors listed in the manuscript shall have clear identifiable contributions to the manuscript.

Hazards and Human or Animal Subjects

Manuscripts with research findings involving hazards and human or animal subjects shall not be submitted to the journal without the granted ethical clearance. The responsibility of obtaining the clearance from the appropriate ethical committee solely rests on the corresponding Author. However, the University has Committees on Human and Animal Ethics in place to review and grant ethical clearance.

Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest

Any implicit or explicit financial obligations/conflict of interest of the Authors pertaining to a research theme shall not influence the research findings and the associated interpretation or inference reported in the paper.

Fundamental Errors in Published Works

Authors are solely responsible for correctness and authenticity of facts, figure, statements and opinion reported in the manuscript under consideration. Authors are duty bound to notify any correction or retraction to deal with any inaccuracy, error or mis- representation in the published version of the paper, discovered subsequent to its publication. The University shall not be responsible for the intended errors in published works

Plagiarism

It is the responsibility of the Authors to maintain the Academic Quality of the manuscript conforming to the required standards to ward off plagiarism issues. The University has adopted anti-plagiarism software and made Plagiarism report compulsory for all research programs, thesis, dissertation submissions.

Compliance in Contractual as well as Grant Terms and Conditions

All Faculty Members undertaking Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy Projects are warranted to be compliant with Contractual as well as Grant Terms and Conditions. In order to behold heritage and legacy of the University.

REVIEW OF POLICY

The Research Policy will be reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee and amended, if needed. The Policy is subject to changes from time to time as approved by Academic Council of Vivek University. By virtue of the above- mentioned guidelines, R & D cell of Vivek University ensures the implementation of Stated Code of Ethics for Academic and Sponsored Research across all the Schools of the University which is associated with honour, privilege, responsibility and professional ethics.

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