

CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics in Research at Dr. V.S. Krishna Govt. Degree College (Autonomous) are a set of principles formulated to implement ethical and scholarly research of highest standards. The Code of Ethics in Research applies to all members of Dr. V.S. Krishna Govt. Degree College (Autonomous) community including regular, contract and guest faculty members, research guides and research guides and also to any individual conducting research who is connected to the institute. The principles are framed in a broad manner to suit to the various research problems engaged in different disciplines where the methods of enquiry and procedures employed may vary which is solely dependent on the research context.

Objectives

To promote research that enhances the honesty and academic integrity of the institute in an ethical manner adhering to the respective discipline guidelines

To promote, exercise and conduct research in a transparent manner compensating every individual in a research group in a fair manner

To promote a liberal research atmosphere for transparent exchange of ideas without infringing the confidentiality

A. Research Integrity and Honesty

Dr. V.S.K. GDC emphasizes to conceive, foster, authenticate and communicate the original research findings in a truthful manner. At Dr. V.S.K. GDC, we accept integrity and honesty as the yardstick for conducting research. The research activities undertaken at this institute are as per accepted standards of international community. Data falsification, fabrication, plagiarism and misinterpretation of research data is considered a breach of institutes decree and such incidents will be dealt suitably. The research competency should be verified before undertaking collaborations of mutual agreements. Proper acknowledgements and citations are to be produced wherever necessary. Failure to acknowledge such contributions will be considered as a theft of intellectual property. The research records, workbooks, experimental proofs and raw data should be preserved and maintained by the individual researcher for production and authentication at any desired time. Deviations or shortcuts from the accepted research practices is strongly prohibited.

B. Transparency and fairness

At Dr. V.S.K. GDC, we believe that Research Outcomes are a collective and collaborative effort put forth by several individuals through sharing of discipline knowledge, resources and capabilities. The institute promotes transparency and thus treating our colleagues, students,

scholars, research collaborators and participants with fairness is foremost priority. Therefore, the researchers must disclose and extend due regards to the fellow researchers. Materials, resources, intellectual abilities utilized from others have to be credited and acknowledged appropriately. Ownership of the research must be fairly distributed based on the intellectual or scholarly contribution. The institute promotes and observes safe and responsible conduct of research practices adhering to regulations of research governing organizations.

C. Plagiarism

At Dr. V.S.K GDC, our objective is to establish awareness among students, research scholars and researchers regarding ethical ways of implementation of a study, survey, project, research, internship, dissertation and thesis works and prevention of any misconduct including plagiarism. Any researcher who is presenting the research data, idea or exact reproduction of verbatim of others as their own are guilty of research misconduct and plagiarism. As per University Grants Commission (UGC) mandate, plagiarism is unethical and an academic fraud and attracts punishment to the research parties involved. This policy is applicable to students research projects, internship reports, community survey projects, dissertations, Ph.D thesis, funded research projects, research and review articles, books and book chapters, conference articles, policy documents etc. The institute is committed to curtail the plagiarism in all academic research works. The institute has established mechanisms to detect and eliminate plagiarism which is overseen by a specially constituted committee. The institute prescribed a rule of plagiarism below 20 % in general as a rule or as per the regulations prescribed by the Andhra University.

Responsibility

Researchers are responsible for getting necessary approvals before initiating the research work. Research supervisors are responsible for their research scholars that they are aware of institutes policies on research conduct and code of ethics in research, and that students are adhering to the ethical research procedures throughout their study. Research supervisors are ultimately responsible for their scholars' research findings and conclusions. Research students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the ethical practices to be adhered in their respective discipline and make sure that they comply with the good research practices.