

INTRODUCTION

The Code of Ethics in research aim at prevention of malpractices and plagiarism in Research works carried out by the faculty members, scholars and students in our College. The principles of this Code of Ethics are with the noble purpose of guiding researchers to an ethical course of action enriched with the values and mission of MUA College. The faculty members, scholars and students of our College are committed to the pursuit of truth, honesty and integrity, to uphold the vision-mission of our institution, to safeguard and promote public interest during our research activities.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The code of ethics aims to create and support a research culture among its staff and students and leverage it for enriching and enhancing the professional competence by:

- Enhancing and promoting scientific temper and research aptitudes of students and teachers.
- Realising the vision and mission of the college and facilitating their participation in research and related activities
- Providing the required resources and appropriate facilities for smooth conduct of Research
- Strengthen the institutional capacity for planning, budgeting and control all the research activities of the college
- Fostering socially relevant research and promote multidisciplinary research
- Developing rules, procedures and guidelines for granting research support, instituting awards, and supporting all other research related activities

- Guiding faculty members in the effective integration of research projects with the regular curriculum implementation and enrichment activities
- Promoting interdisciplinary research and establish modalities for preparing and undertaking joint research projects covering more than one knowledge domain as well as policies for involving external agencies/experts in such projects.
- To create awareness about patents and intellectual property rights and assists them in applying.

SCOPE OF THE POLICY

The policy and procedures aim to describe the steps instituted by the College to curb academic dishonesty and research misconduct in the form of the following:

- I. Plagiarism: Includes incorporating quotation(s) or paraphrasing from the work of another person(s) without acknowledgment and copying or representing or submitting the work of another person as one's own.
- II. Misinterpretation of research and publication: Fabrication, falsification of Research work, research publications as book chapters, journal articles and/or conference publications.
- III. Utilizing previously submitted work (self-plagiarism): Submitting academic/ research related material that has been previously submitted in whole or in substantial part in another course without prior and expressed consent of the mentor/teacher.
- IV. Policy inclusion: Documents that are included in this policy are research papers, thesis, dissertations, project reports, term papers, chapters in books, full-fledged books and any other similar work submitted for assessment/opinion leading to the award of Undergraduate, Masters and Research level degree or publication in print or electronic media by

students or faculty or researchers or staff of the College. This will, however, exclude assignments course work/essays and answer scripts.

- V. Policy applicability: The policy is applicable for all faculty, staff, Undergraduate, Master and PhD degree Research conducted by or under MUA College.
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