

Mahila Arts, Commerce College, Chandur Railway

ETHICS IN RESEARCH

❖ Introduction

The college is committed to promoting and maintaining high standards of integrity and accountability in the conduct of academic research and is keen to embed and endorse a culture of honesty and transparency. The College is dedicated to guaranteeing a free academic environment to conduct research, to teach and to publish, subject to the norms and standards of scholarly inquiry, without interference or penalty. Cognizant of our responsibility to our stakeholders, the college has formulated the Code of Ethics.

The following are the points to be considered:

❖ Integrity and Honesty

Integrity and Honesty is of paramount importance in the conduct of research. Integrity, accountability and responsibility in conducting academic research form the cornerstone of any academic enterprise and promote excellence in academic research. All faculty, research staff, and students should fulfill the responsibilities and obligations charted out.

Conduct of Research

1. Conduct all research activities in accordance with the accepted standards of our discipline.
2. Refrain from accepting or undertaking research assignments requiring competencies that we do not have, unless collaborating with or being supervised by a more knowledgeable scholar.

3. Ensure the accuracy of all data that we and our collaborators have gathered and/or used in our research. Only the correct data, information, and research results shall be reported in journals, conferences.

Plagiarism

1. Not to plagiarize; that is, to present portions of another's report or data as our own, even if the other work or data source is cited occasionally.
2. Cite clearly all sources of information and data that we use which are not the results of our own research
3. Give proper acknowledgment and credit to resource/funding sources of our research.

❖ Justice and Fairness

We recognize that research is a collaborative effort and it is therefore vital that we treat our peers, colleagues, students, benefactors, and research participants justly and fairly. To this end it is proposed that the Researcher will:

1. Provide assistance to other researchers, especially if we are uniquely qualified to do so by our expertise.
2. Take diligent care of equipment, material resources, and results.
3. Appropriately attribute and credit to others their accomplishments and research results which we may have utilized in our own research.
4. Acknowledge the material contribution of others in our research undertaking.

❖ Safety and Beneficence

Because we are scholars with extensive expertise in our fields, and who strive to contribute to human and national development, it is our duty to protect and promote the safety and interests of the community. In this respect, we have the following obligations, as stated below:

1. Call the attention of the public and the authorities to any hazard we observe that threatens human and environmental safety

2. Avoid making misleading or exaggerated statements or publicizing equivocal research findings as fact and avoid deliberate violation or circumvention of regulations governing research.
3. Ensure that laboratory wastes are properly disposed or treated, and our research activities do not result in environmental degradation.

❖ Respect for Human Rights and Dignity

In our research undertakings, we are in a position to direct or influence the behavior and attitudes of those who participate in and utilize our research. We must do this by adhering to the obligations enumerated as follows:

1. Respect cultural, individual, and role differences among research participants and consumers, including those based on age, sex, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, disability, language, or socio-economic status.
2. Eliminate from our research practices and reports any biases that are based on the aforementioned factors.
3. Provide participants with the opportunity to obtain information about the design, procedures, results, and conclusions of the research.
4. Protect our participants' right to privacy and confidentiality.