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Code of Ethics to check malpractices and plagiarism in Research

Preamble:

Shri Shiv Chhatrapati College, Junnar has set guidelines and norms to maintain the ethics, honesty and integrity in the research work. These rules and regulations are framed by the UGC and Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune to maintain the standard in the academics and research. The Research scholars in the college are supposed to follow quality standard in the research work.

The college is committed to promote and maintain the Quality and High Standard Professional Ethics Integrity, and accountability in the conduct of academic research and is keen to endorse the Culture of Ethics, Honesty and Transparency in the Academics and Research. These guidelines help researchers to avoid misconduct and malpractices, while presenting their research work report in thesis / dissertation / journal / books.

Objectives:

1. To cultivate the research culture among the students and faculty members.
2. To ensure the originality of the research in every research work and thesis.
3. To check and conduct the plagiarism in each and every research work through using appropriate software of plagiarism detector before the submission of research work.
4. The original research work and thesis are allowed for the submission only if the plagiarism checker shows less similarity mentioned as per the guidelines of UGC and Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune.

Ethical Concern in Research

1. **Avoid Plagiarism:** Research misconduct does not include honest error or difference of opinion. Plagiarism is an act of fraud or misconduct.

   Plagiarism is the "wrongful appropriation" and "stealing and publication" of another author's "language, thoughts, ideas, or expressions" and the representation of them as one's own original work. **Plagiarism** is considered academic dishonesty and a breach of journalistic ethics.

2. **Competence:** The institutional researcher shall not, in job application, resume, or the ordinary conduct of affairs, claim or imply a degree of competency he/she does not possess.

3. **Acceptance of Assignments:** The institutional researcher shall not accept assignments requiring competencies he/she does not have and for which he/she cannot effectively rely upon the assistance of colleagues, unless the supervisor has been adequately apprised or unless he/she would acquire the necessary competence prior to doing the research. The institutional researcher should use methodologies or techniques that are new to him/her only after appropriate study, training, consultation, and supervision from people who are competent in those methodologies or techniques.

4. **Training of Subordinates:** The Research Guide of the research centre shall provide the guidance to the subordinate with professional growth and development.

5. **Professional Continuing Education:** The Institutional researcher has to take the responsibility to develop his/her own professional skills, knowledge, and performance to keep abreast of changes in the field.

Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP)

   i. All Departments in HEI shall notify a DAIP whose composition shall be as given below:

   a. Chairman - Head of the Department

   b. Member - senior academician from outside the department, to be nominated by the head of HEI.

   c. Member - A person well versed with anti plagiarism tools, to be nominated by the Head of the Department.

   The tenure of the members in respect of points 'b' and 'c' shall be two years. The quorum for the meetings shall be 2 out of 3 members (including Chairman).
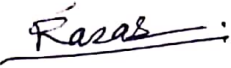
   ii. The DAIP shall follow the principles of natural justice while deciding the allegation of plagiarism against the student, faculty, researcher and staff.

   iii. The DAIP shall have the power to assess the level of plagiarism and recommend penalty (ies) accordingly.
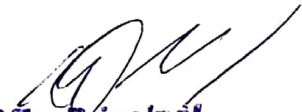
   iv. The DAIP after investigation shall submit its report with the recommendation on penalties to be imposed to the DAIP within a period of 45 days from the date of receipt of complaint / initiation of the proceedings.

Steps to Avoid Plagiarism

1. The college is strictly supposed to follow the guidelines, Rules and Regulation laid by UGC and Savitribai Phule Pune University to avoid the plagiarism.
2. College conducts Orientation Programme of plagiarism to avoid the misconduct.
3. Research Scholars have to submit the self-declaration about the plagiarism.
4. Research Guide is supposed to provide assistance to check the plagiarism percentage of the M.Phil / Ph.D Dessartation / Thesis / Research Papers using free software name "Urkund" assisted by the Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune.
5. There is no Plagiarism check for the regional language and Devnagari Script, therefore the researcher have to submit the self-declaration related to research work and originality of the Dissertation / Thesis content.

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