

Constitution of Ethics Board

VARDHMAN MAHAVEER OPEN UNIVERSITY, KOTA
Code of Ethics for Research

INTRODUCTION

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 behavior. Research ethics is the application of moral rules and professional codes of conduct to the collection, analysis, reporting and publication of information.

VMOU, Kota 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 out puts. It is important to ethically improve quality and simultaneously prevent any academic is conduct, 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 the Ethics Committee.

FORMATION OF ETHICS COMMITTEE

An Ethics Committee with the following members is nominated by the VC. and approved by the Academic Council. Ethics Committee will address the breaches in research activities, publication ethics and IPR policy of the University. A researcher means the Faculty members of the institution involved in research, research scholars pursuing Ph.D., /Junior Research Fellow, under graduate and post graduate students.

S.No.	Designation	NAME	POSITION
1.	Director Academic	Prof. B.Arun Kumar	Convener
2.	Director SHSS	Prof. Kshamata Chaudhary	Member
3.	Director SOCE	Prof. Subodh Kumar	Member
4.	Director SOST	Prof. Anuradha Dubey	Member
5.	Director SOE	Prof. Keerti Singh	Member
6.	Director SOCM	Prof. Anurodh Godha	Member
7.	Director Research	Prof. Kshamata Chaudhary	Research Coordinator

Tasks of Ethics Committee

1. Monitor and guide the researchers in maintaining high Research Standards and ensure the implementation of the Code of Ethics for Research.

2. Investigate the Complaints related to Fabrication of results, Falsification of data and plagiarism.
3. Inquire and sort the issues related to Conflict of Interest, Authorship etc., in research article publications.
4. Monitor whether the correct procedures are adopted in the research involving human/animals.
5. Ensure the right procedures being followed in the research involving material having serious environmental issues or materials having hazardous applications.
6. Ensure the proposals involving the above issues are sorted/ checked before they are submitted to the Funding agencies.
7. The Convener of the Ethics committee can call suitable Internal/External Subject Expert whenever required.

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***: Inter personal 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.