CODE AND CONDUCT OF ETHICS

Code of Ethics

- Candidates pursuing research in the University should incorporate ethical issues into their research work.
- Research which involves interaction with environmental issues, human subjects or communities should be informed by context specific ethical practice. Scholars must respect the human rights and must appropriately address the questions of consent, power relations, deception, confidentiality and privacy.
- At the time of admission, each scholar must give an undertaking that he/she abide by the regulations.
- At the time of submission and evaluation of thesis, thesis is accepted only if it is certified by the research supervisor that the research work reported does not form part of any other thesis or dissertation on the basis of which a degree or award was conferred on an earlier occasion of this or any other scholar.
- Strict confidentiality is maintained regarding panel of examiners. Among the two independent panel of examiners (Indian and Foreigner) recommended by the Doctoral Committee (which is the body monitoring the progress of the candidate), one Indian and one foreign examiner is nominated for evaluation.
- After the receipt of evaluation reports from the examiners, research supervisor certify that the corrections and suggestions pointed out by the Indian and Foreign examiners are incorporated in the thesis submitted. A nominee for foreign examiner is appointed on the day of viva-voce to ascertain the same.

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Misconduct in Research

- Falsification, fabrication, or dishonesty in creating or reporting laboratory results, research results, and/or any other assignments,
- Submission of plagiarized work for an academic requirement

If Supervisors are found to indulge in any of following acts, based on the severity of the complaint, the supervisor ship will be cancelled for a specific duration and disciplinary action will be taken.

- Exploiting the services of the scholar for completing the academic tasks assigned to an individual
- Any act of financial extortion or forceful expenditure burden put on the scholar
- Any act of sexual abuse or abuse by spoken words, phone calls, short message service (sms) through mobile, emails, posts, public insult leading to the discomfort to the scholar.

Any scholar exhibiting misconduct, their registration will be cancelled. Such a scholar will not be eligible for readmission to any of the courses of this University. Further, if such scholar receives any fellowship from the University, it will be withdrawn and the fellowship has to be refunded from the date of the last award.

Right to Appeal

All complaints related to research activities or any matters relating to differences among scholars or complaints about the supervisor or seeking of any information related to research shall be addressed to the Director, Centre for Research. Only in the absence of any response, alternate measures shall be sought.

If the scholar is affronted by the action of any authority of the University can appeal to the Director, Centre for Research and if affronted by the action of the Director, Centre for Research can appeal to the Registrar and then to Vice-Chancellor. The decision of the Vice-Chancellor shall be final and binding on the scholars. The scholar shall seek legal remedy about any matter with prior notice and only after their representations to the higher authorities have been negative.

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