

Code of Ethics Policy for Research and Consultancy



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Preamble

Academic Research and Consultancy is a systematic and scientific approach in search of knowledge and its dissemination. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) encourages the Faculty Members to follow the Code of Ethics for Academic and Sponsored Research as implicit in standards. In particular, ethics in dissemination of knowledge with impeccable standing is always an aspiration to the members of RUAS Community. The Quality of Research and its Academic reach hinge on the intellectual contributions as well as professional ethics exhibited by the Faculty Members.

Aim of the Code of Ethics Policy for Research and Consultancy

The Policy ensures implementation of stated Code of Ethics by supplementing and complementing widely accepted practices in Academic and Sponsored Research. This includes appreciating Originality and Reporting Standards of intellectual findings; Acknowledgement of Sources; Credit to Authors; Presence of Institutional Ethics (Human and Animal) Committee and Invention Disclosure. In particular, it is essential that certain ethical guidelines be adhered by Faculty Members involved in Academics and Research to sustain the continued Quality for better outreach of the University. Moreover, Publication and Ethics Committee is constituted in every Faculty/School as a non-statutory committee to ensure the implementation of good practices in Research.

Objectives of the Policy

The objectives of the Code of Ethics Policy include:

- To propagate highest level of Ethical Adherence by Faculty Members to attain Academic Integrity and Honesty
- To conduct Academic and Research activities by adhering to compliance in Contractual as well as Grant Terms and Conditions
- To exhibit Professional Ethics and demonstrate highest standards of Academics and Research Quality for better outreach of the University

Guidelines and Terms of Reference

The University ensures implementation of stated Code of Ethics through the following

Parameters:

- Inclusion of Research Ethics in the Research Methodology Course Work
- Presence of Institutional Ethics Committee
- University Ethics Committee for Human Trails
- Institutional Animal Ethics Committee
- Plagiarism Check
- Research Advisory Committee

In addition, widely accepted norms and standard ethical practices to be adopted by the Faculty Members can be summarized as follows:

i. Originality and Reporting Standards

Authors are the primary contributors for the academic standard of the journal. The research reported in the submitted manuscript should be the original work and shall not be published apriori or currently shall not be under review for any publication elsewhere. Since Research is an honour and privilege, Authors have the bounden obligation to reveal the research findings adopting the rule of revealing "**Whole Truth, Only the Truth and Nothing but the Truth**" philosophy. It is the responsibility of the Authors to ensure that all the information and pertinent details be provided in the research paper/proposal to facilitate a reasonably knowledgeable researcher to prove, validate and verify the results and claims reported in the paper/project

ii. Acknowledgement of Sources

If tables or figures are reproduced from another source, a letter from the copyright holder (usually the Publisher), stating the authorization to reproduce the material must be attached along with the manuscript. Information availed from any source irrespective of the quantity should be acknowledged in the research paper by citing the source of information in the recommended format stipulated by the journal

iii Authorship of the Paper

All the individuals who have contributed to the formulation of the research problem, implementation and execution as well as in the verification shall be provided due credit as an Author. All contributors to the research findings reported in the manuscript shall be included in the list of Authorship and all the Authors listed in the manuscript shall have clear identifiable contributions to the manuscript

iv Hazards and Human or Animal Subjects

Manuscripts with research findings involving hazards and human or animal subjects shall not be submitted to the journal without the granted ethical clearance. The responsibility of obtaining the clearance from the appropriate ethical committee solely rests on the corresponding Author. However, the University has Committees on Human and Animal Ethics in place to review and grant ethical clearance

v Disclosure and Conflicts of Interest

Any implicit or explicit financial obligations/conflict of interest of the Authors pertaining to a research theme shall not influence the research findings and the associated interpretation or inference reported in the paper

vi Fundamental Errors in Published Works

Authors are solely responsible for correctness and authenticity of facts, figure, statements and opinion reported in the manuscript under consideration. Authors are duty bound to notify any correction or retraction to deal with any inaccuracy, error or misrepresentation in the published version of the paper, discovered subsequent to its publication. The University shall not be responsible for the intended errors in published works

vii Plagiarism

It is the responsibility of the Authors to maintain the Academic Quality of the manuscript conforming to the required standards to ward off plagiarism issues. The University has adopted anti-plagiarism software and made Plagiarism report compulsory for all research programs, thesis, dissertation and assignment submissions

viii Compliance in Contractual as well as Grant Terms and Conditions

All Faculty Members undertaking Sponsored Research and Industrial Consultancy Projects are warranted to be compliant with Contractual as well as Grant Terms and Conditions. In order to behold heritage and legacy of the University, the RUAS Community should adhere to this requirement

The Policy is subject to changes from time to time as approved by BOG. By virtue of the above-mentioned guidelines, RUAS ensures the implementation of Stated Code of Ethics for Academic and Sponsored Research across all the Faculties/Schools of the University which is associated with honour, privilege, responsibility and professional ethics.