



VINAYAKA MISSIONS RESEARCH FOUNDATION  
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## VMRF-DU Research Code of Conduct and Ethics

(Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism)  
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VMRF-DU is committed to academic excellence and to fostering the highest ethical standards of honesty and integrity in research. University and its constituent colleges conducting research are expected to have a Code of Academic Integrity, Responsible Conduct of Research and procedures for addressing allegations of research misconduct.

### Code of Ethics

The University has a policy on all sorts of Research Misconduct such as fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or other serious deviation from accepted practices in proposing, carrying out, or reporting results from research; Scholars/faculty should ensure that they have written and submitted only entirely original works, and if they have used the work and/or words of others, that this has been appropriately cited. Publications that have been influential in determining the nature of the work reported in the thesis/research paper should also be cited. Plagiarism takes many forms, from "passing off" another's paper as the author's own, to copying or paraphrasing substantial parts of another's paper (without acknowledgement), to claiming results from research conducted by others. Plagiarism in all its forms constitutes unethical publishing practice and deserves condemnation. The Research Directorate of the University ensures that all submitted thesis/research papers being considered for award of degrees undergo through plagiarism detection software recommended by University an Anti-Plagiarism certificate to be issued by concerned committee of the university. Detection/Reporting/Handling of

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Plagiarism as per the rules of plagiarism disciplinary authority (PDA). In case of misconduct has been found that should be referred for disciplinary action.

In addition, this regulation shall also abide by any other condition(s) specified UGC Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Education Institutions Regulations time to time.

### **Ethical Clearance and Compliance**

Research projects undertaken are need ethical clearances from concerned agencies/institutions. Research involving humans or animals must comply with the necessary councils and Standard Operating Procedures and Ethical Guidelines for the Care and Use of Animals in Health Research in territory. All institutions and laboratories receiving the support should have occupational health, environmental, laboratory and biosafety guidelines and monitoring system in place.

### **Intellectual Property**

In line legislation, the University and its constituent units owns all intellectual property or other materials developed by its employees, unless explicitly stated otherwise. Details of the IPR can be found in the University's Intellectual Property Policy.

### **Operation of Funds**

The operation of funds and the purpose should be in accordance with the University norms and auditing norms as well the funding agencies norms.

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