



**CODE OF ETHICS
RESEARCH**

DAV UNIVERSITY JALANDHAR

1. Introduction

Research is integral to the academic mission of DAV University. This Code of Ethics for Research is framed to uphold the integrity, rigor, and transparency of research conducted by students and faculty members. It aligns with the guidelines provided by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to ensure ethical standards are maintained in all research activities.

2. Scope

This code applies to all research activities conducted under the auspices of DAV University, including but not limited to research projects, theses, dissertations, publications, and presentations by students and faculty members.

3. Objectives

- To promote a culture of honesty, integrity, and ethical behavior in research.
- To ensure compliance with ethical standards in research involving human participants, animals, the environment, and hazardous materials.
- To provide guidelines for the responsible conduct of research, including data management, publication, and authorship.
- To prevent and address research misconduct, including plagiarism, fabrication, and falsification.

4. Ethical Standards

4.1. Integrity in Research

- Researchers must conduct their work with honesty, integrity, and transparency.
- Proper acknowledgment must be given to all contributors and sources of data.
- Researchers must avoid conflicts of interest and disclose any that may arise.

4.2. Plagiarism

- Plagiarism, in any form, is strictly prohibited. All research work must be original and appropriately cited.
- The University employs plagiarism detection tools to ensure compliance with this code.

4.3. Research Involving Human Participants

- Researchers must obtain informed consent from all participants and ensure confidentiality and privacy.
- Ethical approval must be obtained from the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) before commencing research involving human participants.

4.4. Research Involving Animals

- Research involving animals must follow the guidelines provided by the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA).
- Researchers must ensure humane treatment and minimize harm to animals used in research.

4.5. Research Involving Radioisotopes or Hazardous Materials

- Researchers must obtain approval from the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBSC) or relevant safety authorities before commencing research involving radioisotopes or hazardous materials.
- All research involving radioactive substances must adhere to the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) guidelines and ensure proper storage, handling, and disposal.
- Research involving hazardous chemicals, biological agents, or other dangerous substances must follow all relevant safety protocols, including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), proper labeling, and safe disposal methods.
- Researchers must receive training in the safe handling of hazardous materials and ensure that all safety procedures are followed.
- Any incidents or accidents involving hazardous materials must be immediately reported to the relevant authorities, and appropriate measures must be taken to mitigate risks.

4.6. Environmental Considerations

- Research activities must be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Researchers must adhere to all relevant environmental regulations and standards.

5. Data Management

- Researchers must maintain accurate and detailed records of all research activities.
- Data must be stored securely and shared responsibly, with proper acknowledgment of all sources.

6. Publication and Authorship

- Researchers must ensure that all publications are a true reflection of the research conducted.
- Authorship must be accurately assigned based on substantial contributions to the research work.
- Duplicate publication or fragmentation of research findings is discouraged.

7. Research Misconduct

- Research misconduct, including plagiarism, fabrication, and falsification of data, will be dealt with severely.
- Allegations of misconduct will be investigated by a designated committee, and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

8. Training and Awareness

- The University will provide regular training and workshops on research ethics for students and faculty members.
- Researchers are encouraged to stay informed about ethical standards and guidelines in their respective fields.

9. Code Implementation and Review

- The implementation of this code will be overseen by the University's Research Ethics Committee (REC).
- The code will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains aligned with UGC guidelines and evolving ethical standards.

10. Conclusion

DAV University is committed to fostering an environment of ethical research practices. All students and faculty members are expected to adhere to this Code of Ethics for Research and contribute to the integrity and credibility of research at the University.


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