

## Code of Ethics

To understand the importance of maintaining ethical standards in research activities **VET first Grade College** through its IQAC cell sets the following objectives to faculties and students to maintain the code of ethics in research activities.

- To be Honest and uphold the integrity.
- To maintain the accuracy in collection of data and report writing.
- To acknowledge the sources of data collected.
- To be clear with the information and the researcher contribution to society.
- To safeguard the integrity of the profession.
- To do justice to the profession and not to violate any ethics of research.
- To extend the support to your fellow researchers.
- To extend credit of others contribution in research.
- To be more transparent in collection of resources and utilization of materials in research.

In this regard, College has a high degree of respect towards genuine researchers and their research work. Therefore this handbook intends to give a bird's eye view of the ethical code of conduct for the faculty members of the Institution involved in research.

Adherence to research ethics are of utmost importance for every researcher in the chosen field as it leads to more attention to the details of scientific research including qualitative analysis, quantitative & statistical techniques and more to solicitous association among Researchers.

We encourage our researchers to publish their work in high quality research journals. All the publications should be properly acknowledged to the institution. Collaborative research projects of the faculty with other academic or research institution require prior permission from the Head of the Institution. Faculty, research scholars and students of this college engaged in collaborative research with other institutions should specify the affiliation as per the university in research publications. The sole responsibility of scientific and ethical concerns associated with the publication could be with listed authors.

Malpractice in research is defined as prevarication, misrepresentation, or plagiarism in Proposing, performing, or appraising research or in reporting research outcome such misconduct is viewed as a grave professional digression that is subject to huge penalties imposed by the Universities and professional associations.

**Truthfulness**, this is the most important attribute of a genuine researcher. The data, results, methods and procedure adopted for research must be honestly reported. Fabrication, misrepresentation and prevarication of data are an act of deception. Stealing of others data means stealing of one's intellectual property which is nothing but plagiarism. Plagiarism is viewed as the most detrimental factor for the downfall of research career. Therefore the researchers are instructed to be utmost diligent while incorporating any kind of data in their work.

**Integrity** Hold on to your pledges and promises; act with sincerity; strive for consistency of thought and action.

**Duplicate Publication:** Same article, paper, abstract etc should not be published in two different journals or publications. Unexplained dual publication without citation is referred to as self-plagiaries

**Rectification of Errors:** In case an error, whether intentional or not is identified following publication, the researcher has an obligation to submit a rectification in a form specified by the editor or publisher