



Code of ethics in research

This code of ethics in research sets forth as general principles of ethical conduct while conducting scholarly research. The principles represent the values and mission of PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore which enforces standards that directs researchers to an ethical course of action. The staff members of the PSGR Krishnammal College for Women are commitment to the pursuit of truth; an abiding dedication to the promotion of the public good and a sustained interest in mentoring students and fellow researchers. We accept our duty to uphold the vision-mission of this institution to maintain the ideals of scholarly integrity and academic freedom. We hereby bind ourselves to the strictest measure of integrity and the highest ethical standards to be worthy of the public trust. As a college, we seek to be honest and maintain credibility in the conduct of research. Research should be directed towards active dissemination of knowledge and enhance its validity through rigorous discussion and responsible criticism. Thus, all faculty, research staff and students should fulfill the responsibilities and obligations stated below:

1. Conduct all research activities in accordance with the accepted standards of our code of conduct.
2. Ensure the accuracy of all data that the researcher and the collaborators have gathered and used in their research.
3. Ensure that only the correct data and research results are published in journals, conferences and reports.
4. Avoid misleading statements or declarations and vague assertions that could be subject to misinterpretation. If such misinterpretation is brought to our attention, it is our obligation to immediately issue clarification or rectification.
5. Not to plagiarize; cite clearly all sources of information and data those are used in research.
6. Give proper acknowledgment and credit to resource/funding sources of our research.
7. Maintain transparency in the use and disbursement of resources for your research.
8. Ensure that research results are accessible to the public once the research is concluded or as soon as is reasonable.

9. Respect the confidentiality of sources by not using or releasing data and information revealed in confidence.
10. Take diligent care of the equipments and material sources.
11. Discuss among stakeholders (the funding source) the fair distribution of legal ownership of the research or its product.
12. Utilize, distribute, or share material resources and equipment in accordance with the conditions set by the college.
13. Observe safety practices in all the research activities.
14. Ensure that laboratory wastes are properly disposed or treated and our research activities do not result in environmental degradation.
15. Report violation of any ethical code to the office or committee that has been duly mandated to evaluate and act on possible violations of research.