

DHANRAJ BAID JAIN COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

CODE OF ETHICS FOR RESEARCH

Dhanraj Baid Jain college has established a Code of Ethics for research, requiring faculty and researchers to adhere to moral and ethical values. The goal is to ensure the dignity of the College by preventing malpractices and plagiarism in research publications, dissertations, and thesis. The plagiarism check has to be done through the advanced plagiarism prevention software available in the affiliating University of Madras.

In addition to the Code of Ethics, the College also follows the norms set by University of Madras. The College is committed to producing and promoting research of the highest quality, free from plagiarism and unethical practices, while promoting academic freedom and innovative thinking.

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The following are ethical values addressed under the “Code of Ethics for Research” set by the College:

1. **Academic Candour:** Academic honesty is important in all scientific communications; data, techniques, procedures, publication status and results are to be reported. Faculty members, research scholars, and students should act honestly in all these areas. Never falsify or modify data, fool colleagues, funders, or the public.
2. **Reliability:** The researchers must adhere to their commitments and agreements, behave honorably, and fight for consistency in high-quality decisions and actions.
3. **Exercise caution:** Research Scholars are required to avoid careless errors and neglect. They must carefully and critically examine their own work as well as the work of their colleagues. They must constantly maintain accurate records of all research-related activities, including literature reviews, research designs, data collection, analysis, and interpretation, as well as manuscript drafts and correspondence with funding organizations or journals.
4. **Respect for Intellectual Property (IP) and its Rights:** Researchers must uphold copyrights, patents, and other types of IP. Additionally, one should never use another person's unpublished data, techniques, or results without her/his consent. Without plagiarizing the work, provide credit/acknowledgement where it is due for all contributions to the research or individuals.

5. Protect private information, Data privacy is a discipline aimed at safeguarding data from unauthorized access, theft, or loss through effective data management and prevention of unauthorized access.

6. Societal Accountability: Researchers, including faculty and students, must make the necessary efforts to promote social well-being and to prevent or decrease social damages through research, public awareness campaigns, and other forms of promotion, eventually protecting the environment.

7. Competence: The research community is needed to maintain and enhance professional competency and knowledge by ongoing education and learning; additionally, they must take initiatives to advance scientific competence generally by maintaining an interdisciplinary approach.

8. Legitimacy: The researchers should familiarize themselves with institutional rules and regulations as well as governmental policies, IP-related laws, such as those pertaining to cybercrime and IP rights.

9. Protection of Human Subjects: When using human subjects in research, researchers must minimize risks and difficulties while maximizing benefits; they must also respect people's decency, privacy, and independence; they must take necessary special safety precautions when working with vulnerable populations; and they must make an honest effort to share the benefits and difficulties of their work.