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Code of Ethics for Research

Preamble

Marwadi University promotes research that benefits the larger section of society and so all Institutes under the University are committed to research that focuses on people, organisations, and industry. To honour the trust placed in researchers by research participants, funding organisations and society, the researchers should at all times act correctly and in ways that respect the rights and dignity of the participants, organisations and industry. In this regard, all faculty members, staff, researchers, and students undertaking research are bound by the Code of Ethics for Research.

Objectives

- To provide the ethical framework within which the ethical review process will operate across campus.
- To promote exemplary ethical standards in research and scholarship

Scope

This document lays down the Code of Ethics for Research for all faculty members, staff, researchers, and students undertaking research and operationally controlled by Marwadi University. It covers all the activities through which research information and data are gathered, processed, and disseminated including surveys and interviews and the reporting of research findings.

The following are ethical principles that this codes address:

1. Academic Honesty

Be honest in all scientific communications. Honestly report data, results, methods and procedures, and publication status. Do not fabricate, falsify, or misrepresent data. Do not deceive colleagues, granting agencies, or the public.

2. Integrity

Keep your promises and agreements; act with sincerity and strive for consistency of thought and action. Integrity is to be ensured in order to cultivate and sustain a culture of research.

3. Carefulness

Avoid careless errors and negligence; carefully and critically examine your work and the work of your peers. Keep good records of research activities, such as data collection, research design, and correspondence with agencies or journals.



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4. Intellectual Property

Honour patents, copyrights, and other forms of intellectual property. Do not use unpublished data, methods, or results without permission. Give credit where credit is due. Give proper acknowledgement or credit for all contributions to research. Never plagiarize.

5. Confidentiality

Protect confidential communications, such as papers or grants submitted for publication, personnel records, trade or military secrets, and patient records.

6. Social Responsibility

Strive to promote social good and prevent or mitigate social harms through research, public education, and advocacy.

7. Competence

Maintain and improve professional competence and expertise through lifelong education and learning; take steps to promote competence in science as a whole.

8. Legality

Know and obey governmental policies, relevant laws and institutional rules and regulations.

9. Animal Care

Show proper respect and care for animals when using them in research. Do not conduct unnecessary or poorly designed animal experiments.

10. Human Subjects Protection

When conducting research on human subjects, minimize harms and risks and maximize benefits; respect human dignity, privacy, and autonomy: take special precautions with vulnerable populations; and strive to distribute the benefits and burdens of research fairly.



