# Pravara Rural Education Society's College of Pharmacy (For Women), Chincholi Tal: Sinnar, Dist: Nashik



CODE OF ETHICS IN RESEARCH AND PLAGIARISM POLICY

#### **PREAMBLE**

The research activities are monitored regularly to ensure code of ethics for research is followed. In this, the College pursues a research ethos that promotes exceptional expertise as well as ethical responsibility. Not only does the ethical conduct of science satisfy a scientific moral code, it also leads to better scientific results. Because, the adherence to ethical research practice leads to more attention to the details of scientific research including qualitative analysis, quantitative & statistical techniques and to more thoughtful collaboration among investigators.

# **OBJECTIVES OF POLICY**

- 1. To inculcate & promote research culture amongst the faculty and students.
- 2. To promote ethical practices in research amongst faculty and students.
- 3. Ensure publications in quality journals, indexed in UGC, Scopus/ Web of Science/ Pubmed and/ or with impact factor.

## **GUIDELINES**

# **Undertaking Research**

Faculty members of and research departments are expected to undertake research, leading to quality publications, presentations in National/ International conferences of repute, generation of Intellectual property with potential for commercialization, socially useful outcome and other similar research activity.

# Obligations of faculty and researchers (including post graduate researchers)

Research output will be considered one of the criteria for faculty recruitment and promotion along with other academic responsibilities.

# **Research Management**

Research committee shall be responsible for overall functioning of research activities within the institute.

## **Research Ethics**

It is expected that each member involved in research–faculty, PhD scholars and postgraduate researchers - re expected to demonstrate highest ethical standards of conduct in research activity. It includes data originality, adhering to ethical guidelines, given from time to time, for carrying out research. Each faculty member and researcher shall follow academic honesty in his/her research work. Suitable disciplinary action may be initiated, if found guilty, against such individual/group.

## **Student Research**

To enhance quality research output, student mentorship/internship shall be facilitated to encourage undergraduate/ postgraduate students to pursue research activities leading to tangible output.

## **Funding to attend the conferences**

Institute provide funds to attend the conferences/ seminar/ convention/ workshop/ faculty development program organized at national and international level. It will be limited to TA/ DA and 50% registration fees of the event to the presenting author.

## **CODE OF ETHICS IN RESEARCH**

All members of staff and students of the P.R.E.S.'s, College of Pharmacy (For Women) involved in research are required to acquaint themselves with this Code right from the start and are critically monitored by the Research and Development Cell as and when required. R&D Cell takes necessary measurements to check malpractices and plagiarism in the research work undertaken. Animal usage is approved through IAEC-CPCSEA committee.

Research committee has framed the following code of ethics. Research work carried out by the undergraduate and post graduate students in the college is critically monitored by allotted research guides. The R&D Cell committee continuously supervises the research works. Submission of certificate is mandatory to the research students by guide, head of department and principal stating that the work carried out is original. Plagiarism is the deliberate act of taking presenting the words, data, or ideas of others with the implication that they own the same, without attribution in a form appropriate for the medium of presentation. Each researcher is responsible for learning and using proper methods of paraphrasing and footnoting and other forms of citation to ensure that the original author, speaker, illustrator

and source of material used is clearly acknowledged. All types of plagiarism are unacceptable. Any intentional or reckless disregard for the truth in reporting observations may be considered to be an act of research misconduct.

## Possible nature of Ethical violations

**Conflicts of Interest:** Any action that may result in a conflict of interest must be fully disclosed. When impartially and effectiveness cannot be maintained, the activity should be avoided or discontinued.

*Disputes about authorship:* Proper authorship representation is usually a matter for the involved parties to resolve.

**Duplicate Submission:** Duplicate submission is unprofessional and unacceptable. It misuses the resources of all affected journals, including the valuable time of editors, reviewers, and staff.

**Fabrication of data or result:** Any incidence of fabrication shall be considered to be an extremely serious breath of professional conduct, with potentially severe ethical and legal consequences.

#### PLAGIARISM POLICY

The institution checks the plagiarism of research thesis by online sources.

## **Duties of COPC**

The Institute has established the mechanism as prescribed in these regulations to enhance awareness about responsible conduct of research and academic activities, promotion of integrity and deterrence from plagiarism.

# **Awareness Programmes and Trainings**

- 1. COPC instructs students and staff about proper attribution, seeking permission of the author wherever necessary, acknowledgement of source compatible with the needs and specificities of disciplines and in accordance with rules and regulations governing the source.
- 2. COPC conducts sensitization seminars, awareness programmes every semester on responsible conduct of research, project work, assignment, thesis, dissertation, promotion of

academic integrity and ethics in education for students, faculty and other members of academic staff.

# **Plagiarism Checker Software**

- 1. Plagiarism Checker: (www.plagiarismsoftware.net)
- 2. Quetext: (www.quetext.com)
- 3. Duplichecker (<u>www.duplichecker.com</u>)
- 4. Smallseotools.com

# Action/ Penalty against defaulters

Any violation of the rule and other issues, complaints regarding plagiarism attracts disciplinary action to be imposed by committee within one month from the date of complaint. Depending on the type of act violation of code of ethics, suitable penalty or punishment against defaulters shall be recommended by the review committee.

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