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Code of Ethics to check malpractices and plagiarism in Research

The main objective is to promote the research and research publications and prevention of misconduct including plagiarism in R&D.

Malpractices in Examinations:

Thiruvalluvar University strictly follows code of conduct prescribed by the University for Examinations. Malpractices such as copying, using cell phones or answers from texts or guides are completely banned. Any student found guilty is reported to the external examiner and the university takes action on the defaulters. Cheating is dishonest behavior usually in tests or examinations. It includes:

1. Unless explicitly authorized by the course instructor or examiner ,using books, notes, diagrams, electronic devices, or any other aids during an examination, either in the examination room itself or when permitted to leave temporarily.
2. Copying from the work of other students.
3. Communicating with others during an examination to give or receive information, either in the examination room or outside it
4. Commissioning or allowing another person to write an examination on one's behalf;
5. Not following the rules of an examination
6. Using for personal advantage, or communicating to other students, advance knowledge of the content of an examination (for example, if permitted to write an examination early)
7. Altering answers on an assignment or examination that has been returned
8. Taking an examination out of the examination room if this has been forbidden.

Ethics for Plagiarism in Research:

Ethics and plagiarism are the significant components in research and publication. Sometimes it is to be observed that researchers claim others work as their own, which will degrade the reputation of the individual /Institution. There is every need to assess the academic/research work of the student/researcher scholar/ researcher who produce their work in the form of Project reports, Seminar papers, Research papers, Research proposals and thesis work. Especially the research work in the form of papers/projects should go through the process of plagiarism and has to maintain high academic and

production standards. The research work produced would be thoroughly assessed for their viability across the globe and needs to reach the highest success. We take some extra measures to ensure that the work is at par with the National/International standards professional type setters which are engaged to bring about the best of results. The Authors are made responsible for their research work carried out, presentation and results are expressed. The institution deplores and dejects the violation of code of ethics which is dishonest and immoral infringing the copyrights act of intellectual property rights.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism constitutes unethical scientific behavior and is never acceptable. Proper acknowledgement of the work of others used in a research work must always be given. Further, it is the obligation of each author to provide prompt retractions or corrections of errors in published works. There are varying degrees of plagiarism warranting different consequences and corrective action, listed below from most to least serious:

- Verbatim or nearly verbatim copying or translation of a full paper(s), or the verbatim or nearly verbatim copying or translation of a significant portion(s) of another paper(s).
- Disclosing unpublished data or findings without permission, even if attributed.
- Unaccredited verbatim or nearly verbatim copying or translation of individual elements of another paper(s).
- Unaccredited paraphrasing of pages or paragraphs from another paper(s).
- Credited verbatim copying or translation of a major portion of a paper without clear delineation (e.g., quotes or indents)

Possible types of Ethical violations:

- Conflict of Interest: Any action that may result in a conflict of interest must be fully disclosed. When objectivity and effectiveness cannot be maintained, the activity should be avoided or discontinued.
- Disputes about authorship: Proper authorship representation is generally a matter for the involved parties to resolve. • Duplicate Submission: Duplicate submission abuses the resources of all affected journals, including the valuable time of editors, reviewers, and staff, and is unprofessional and unacceptable.
- Fabrication or misrepresentation of data or results: Any incidence of fabrication or misrepresentation to be an extremely serious breach of professional conduct, with potentially severe ethical and legal consequences.

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