Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University Kanpur

(FORMERLY KANPUR UNIVERSITY, KANPUR)

Policy

for

Code of Ethics & Ethical Research

Code of Ethics and Policy on Ethical Research

Introduction

The University is at the forefront of higher education in India by balancing its commitment to academic excellence with emphasis on all-round development of students. The curriculum promotes national development, fosters global competencies and facilitates skills training to meet the challenges of a competitive workplace.

The University also offers the following Ph.D. (Full-time and Part-time) Research Programmes:

- Electronics
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Commerce
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Life Science and Biotechnology
- Management Sciences
- Basic Sciences
- Languages and Humanities
- Fine Arts and Music
- Sociology
- Social Work and Life Long Learning & Extension

Scope and coverage

The Research Ethics Committee shall regulate the matter pertaining to:

a. Ethical Research Practices

b. Plagiarism prevention

Need for Code of Ethics and Policy on Ethical Research

University sees many a reason to adhere to ethical norms in research. The foremost among them is promoting quality research in search of knowledge and truth. It is equally important that prohibitions against artificially constructing, falsifying, or misrepresenting research data and curbing the practice of plagiarism will ensure quality research that contribute to find lasting solutions.

Principles of Ethical Research

University adopts the following principles in ethical research:

Objectivity: Consciously upholding the values of being independent and true and avoiding individual subjectivity.

Integrity: Adopting a high level of academic moral character, and intellectual honesty as well as assuming personal responsibility for the actions committed and omitted by the researcher.

Confidentiality: The researchers must respect the privacy, autonomy, diversity, values and dignity of research subjects and must be very sensitive while disclosing the information and data of public interest by ensuring the privacy and confidentiality of the source of information.

Transparency: The researchers must be as open as possible with respect to the decisions made and provide justifications for their actions.

Honesty: The researchers must possess unbiased and honest attitude in knowing and stating the truth.

Research Ethics Committee

The following are the guidelines to put in place an ethical committee in University with effect from 1st January 2020:

a. Name of the Committee: Research Ethics Committee

b. Constitution / Members of the Committee: The Research Ethics Committee shall consist of a Vice Chancellor and three other members as detailed below:

1) President – Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

2) Members – Three senior faculty members as nominated by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

3) Member Secretary – Dean (Academics)/Coordinator (Research) Research and Development)

c. Responsibilities:

1. To review the ethical safeguards of the proposed research.

2. To ensure the rights, safety and well-being of the trial subjects / respondents / participants.

3. To enquire the complaints against research supervisors / guides / candidates and make suitable recommendations to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

d. Meetings:

Regular meetings: There shall be regular ethics committee meetings once in every semester.

Emergency Meetings: A meeting shall be called for, by the Dean (Research and Development) on receiving the advices from the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, whenever there arises emergency situations

Note: A request letter may be submitted to the Dean (Academics)/Coordinator (Research) Research and Development) *by any interested person who seeks an emergency meeting to absolve any issue related to her / his research*

Publication of the Code of Ethics and Policy on Ethical Research

The University shall publicize the Code of Ethics and Policy on Ethical Research by circulating the same among the research guides / supervisors, registered research candidates, teaching staff of the University as well as published in the University Website in a prominent manner so as to attract the attention of the interested persons.