



D. K. GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Nellore, Andhra Pradesh- 524003

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Research Ethics Policy

Research at D. K. Govt. College for Women (A), Nellore is conducting according to the principles of integrity, academic excellence, accountability, inclusiveness and professionalism.

All research must follow appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards. Ethical practice is essential in every kind of academic activity. Any violation of basic ethics will affect the value and credibility of the activity being carried out, whether it is teaching or research or administration.

Objectives:

The Research Ethics Policy is intended to:

1. Prevent plagiarism;
2. Provide the ethical framework within which the ethical review process will operate across campus;
3. Promote exemplary ethical standards in research and scholarship;
4. Establish institutional mechanism through education and training to facilitate responsible conduct of research for a thesis/ dissertation, promotion of academic integrity and deterrence from plagiarism;
5. Develop systems to detect plagiarism and to set up mechanisms to prevent plagiarism and punish a student, faculty, researcher or staff of College committing the act of plagiarism.

PURPOSE: Every HEI should establish the mechanism as prescribed in these regulations, to enhance awareness about responsible conduct of research and academic activities, to promote academic integrity and to prevent plagiarism.


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This Research Ethics policy sets out the principles for ethical research and the processes by which researchers should seek ethical approval for their research. It is expected that this policy will be read in conjunction with the relevant subject-specific and professional codes and guidance on ethics and research conduct as well as taking into account all relevant norms.

Research Ethics Policy aims to:

- 1 inform the researcher of his/her responsibilities in conducting ethical research
- 2 understand and promote adherence to all applicable procedures
- 3 protect the rights of all stakeholders.

SCOPE

The definition of research is based on a number of important principles.

1. The purpose of research is the study of natural, social and metaphysical phenomena in order to improve our understanding of how the world functions as well as to addressing its needs.
2. Research involves creative, innovative, systematic and original work that explains phenomena. In addition, research embraces the critical evaluation of such phenomena in both the natural and social sciences.
3. Research includes basic, applied, strategic and reflexive research.

Constitution of Ethics Committee:

Research Ethics committee was formed to provide broad guidelines for individual behavior in matters of research conduct during the academic year 2021-2022. The Committee is constituted to provide the faculty with awareness of Code of Ethics for promotion of healthy Research Culture.

Composition of Ethics Committee:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Post
01.	Dr. D. Giri	Principal	Chairman
02.	Dr. T. Sri Ranjani	Lecturer in Zoology	Coordinator
03.	Dr. P. M.V. Prasad	Lecturer in Mathematics	Member
04.	Dr. K. Ramesh Babu	Lecturer in Chemistry	Member
05.	Sri Ch. Prasanna Balaji	JKC Mentor	Member

Code of Ethics:

Teaching and research are noble professions based on high moral values; ethics and honesty are the two important components of teaching and research. Plagiarism, publishing or presenting others work as their own will affect healthy academic atmosphere in the institute and the society. It may distress the reputation of the individual and the institute. Research Ethics Committee has an important role to play in ensuring the ethical standards and scientific merit of research involving human subjects.

Prohibited Conduct:

Faculty/Students enrolled in academic/research programme are subjected to this conduct.

1. Cheating, fabrication, facilitating dishonesty and plagiarism are subject to violation of code of ethics and conduct.
2. Violation of code of ethics and conduct include submission of an item in academic/research work that has previously been submitted without fair citation of original work or authorization by the faculty member supervising the work.
3. Violation leads to disciplinary actions and restriction from academic/research programme for a particular period.

4. The committee will submit a report and recommend the disciplinary action to be imposed like fine or warning.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESEARCHERS:

1. Researchers have the fundamental right to academic freedom and freedom of scientific research.
2. It is the responsibility of the researcher to ensure that he or she does not undertake research without ethical clearance. Researchers may only undertake research that has been approved by an appropriate Research Ethics Committee.
3. Researchers should be competent and accountable. They should act in a responsible manner and strive to achieve the highest possible level of excellence, integrity and scientific quality in their research.
4. Researchers have a right, as well as an obligation, to refrain from undertaking or continuing any research that contravenes the Policy on Research Ethics, violates the integrity and/or validity of research and/or compromises their autonomy in research. If they feel that the policy or ethical principles are being violated, or that the study is unethical, they must make all possible efforts either to correct or to terminate the research. These would include reporting to the relevant Ethics Review Committee. In the event of failure of remedial measures they must terminate the study or end their involvement in it.
5. Researchers should only undertake research that will contribute to knowledge on the subject. They should use resources judiciously and to avoid the unnecessary duplication of research.
6. Researchers have a right and a duty to make all necessary efforts to bring the research and its findings or results to the public domain in an appropriate manner and at an appropriate time. The publishing of research findings should be done in a manner that will not harm research participants or their communities.



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7. Researchers should be honest in respect of their own actions in research and in their responses to the actions of other researchers. This applies to the whole range of research, including generating and analysing data, publishing results, and acknowledging the direct and indirect contributions of colleagues, collaborators and others.
8. Researchers may not commit plagiarism, piracy, falsification or the fabrication of results at any stage of the research. The research findings should be reported accurately and truthfully, and historical records and study material should be preserved and protected.
9. Plagiarism, falsification, the fabrication of results, and scientific misconduct in general are regarded as serious offences. These will be investigated by the relevant Research Ethics Committee and relevant actions taken.
10. Researchers may be required to report regularly to the relevant Research Ethics Committee. Any researcher who experiences unexpected adverse events or changes in the research design should inform this committee.


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