

CODE OF ETHICS FOR RESEARCH



महात्मा ज्योतिबा फुले
रुहेलखण्ड विश्वविद्यालय, बरेली



MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly
Uttar Pradesh, India.

INTRODUCTION

MJP Rohilkhand University abides by the rule of academic Integrity in research at all levels. The university is committed to promoting and maintaining high standards of honesty and accountability in academic research. It is keen to entrench and endorse a culture of openness and transparency in all its institutional activities. In undertaking this commitment, the University emphasizes that academic liberty is an essential value to be defended and continued. The University is dedicated to assuring an accessible educational environment to conduct research, teach, speak and publish, subject to the norms and standards of scholarly inquiry, without interference or penalty, wherever the search for truth, knowledge, scholarship, and/or understanding may lead.

The MJP Rohilkhand University distributes funds as seed money through its TEQIP and IRG funds but also receives funds from the national government and non-government agencies. Viz. University Grants Commission, State Government of Uttar Pradesh, ICSSR, ICPR, ICHR, etc., this funding enables it to provide essential research resources to its scholarly community. It entails that its associates adhere to the terms and conditions governing access to such resources on paper or in digital format. The University invites its stakeholders (teaching staff, fellows, research students, administrative and support staff) to abide by the highest standards of honesty in their research activities.

PRACTICE IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH

A. Academic Liberty, Honesty, and Accountability

Academic liberty is the liberty to teach, study and chase knowledge and research without irrational meddling or constraint from the law, institutional regulations, or public pressure. Its essential components include the liberty of scholars to inquire into any subject that evokes intellectual concern, present findings, publish data and conclusions without control or censorship, and teach in a manner they consider professionally appropriate. At the same time, honesty, accountability, and responsibility in conducting academic research form the foundation of any educational enterprise, and defilements of widely-recognized academic research standards represent severe offenses to the entire scholarly community at the University. They are considered injurious for their credibility and authority as an institution.

Academic honesty necessitates that academic study follows high professional standards, including suitable research design and contexts, adheres to high levels of research ethics, and bears the requirements set out by experienced and regulatory research guidance and research ethics frameworks issued in appropriate areas. Academic honesty is the obligation to integrity, belief, justice, respect, legality, and dissemination.

Honesty: An academic community should advance the expedition for truth, knowledge, studentship, and understanding by requiring academic and personal honesty in education, teaching, and research.

Trust: An academic community must nurture a climate of mutual trust to inspire the free exchange of ideas and enable all to reach their highest potential.

Fairness: An academic community should seek to ensure fairness in institutional standards, practices, and procedures and fairness in interactions between community members.

Respect: An academic community should endorse respect among students, staff, and faculty: respect for self, for others, for scholarship and research, for the educational process, and for intellectual heritage.

Responsibility: An academic community should uphold high standards of conduct in learning, teaching, and research by requiring shared responsibility for promoting intellectual honesty among all members of the community.

Legality: An academic community should observe valid legal norms related to the conduct and publication of research, particularly in relation to copyright, the intellectual property rights of third parties, the terms and conditions regulating access to research resources, and the laws of the land.

Communication: An academic community should seek to make the results of its research as widely and as freely available as possible.

B. Institutional Responsibilities

The Deans, the Heads of Departments, and the teaching staff are responsible for promoting and endorsing a clear academic atmosphere conducive to applying the high

professional and ethical criteria of good practice for academic research. Research guides are expected and motivated to create and sustain a climate of cooperation that enable the open exchange of ideas and the expansion of academic research skills. They are also likely to ensure the provision of appropriate supervision and direction for researchers by the nature of the individual academic discipline and associated mode of research. The MJP Rohilkhand University is committed to providing proper research supervision for researchers. Supervisors are expected to adhere to norms for Doctoral Supervision following the Ph.D. Ordinance 2020.

The pre-Ph.D. coursework curriculum of all the departments is ensured that all scholars undertake appropriate training in research its designs, methodology, supervisory and ethics endorsements that are integrated part of the program. <https://mjprudor.ac.in/RMS//Uploads/Website/ordinance/ordinance22432022124300.pdf?new=1>.

Any work completed in university related to research must use appropriate licensed research resources such as iThenticate from Turnitin and URKUND and respect for the intellectual property rights of third parties.

The form for the plagiarism can be downloaded from the link given as under. <https://mjprudor.ac.in/RMS//Uploads/Website/News/24122021.pdf?new=1>

C. Publication Practice and Authorship

The MJP Rohilkhand University encourages the publication and dissemination of high-quality research results. It also expects that researchers will publish and disseminate their work responsibly and be aware of the consequences of such dissemination in the broader media. Any researcher ready to submit his research thesis must have two research publications from her/his research work in the SCI/UGC CARE list journal. Apart from it, two paper presentations in the seminar related to the research work. The results of the research work should be published in a form appropriate to the academic discipline. The University requires that all individuals listed as authors accept responsibility for the contents of the publication and can identify their contribution to it. The authors should have participated sufficiently in the research to take public responsibility for the content.

MANAGEMENT OF RESEARCH ETHICS

The research management at MJP Rohilkhand University shall be carried out through the Directorate of Research (DoR). The DoR will be constituted by the Director, Associate Director, and Assistant Director appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from time to time. The DoR, the Research Degree Committee (RDC) and Board of Studies (BoS), Faculty Boards, and various research committees constituted will supervise the research-related activities. The DoR shall coordinate, manage and recommend to the Vice-Chancellor for the approval of the various Committees, coordinate and facilitate timely RDC/BoS meetings in multiple subjects offered by the university. The DoR will coordinate and promote the submission of research project proposals to various funding agencies, provide the necessary guidance, and encourage teachers to write research projects/proposals. The DoR shall scrutinize and recommend research proposals from multiple Departments/Centres/Faculty of the university and its affiliated colleges. The DoR shall promote and provide opportunities for students and young teachers to undertake research projects by inculcating research culture among them to express academic talent. Research at MJP Rohilkhand University will be conducted by applying knowledge to improve the overall quality of life and development of the nation at large. The Research Policy is implemented by the Directorate of Research (DoR) for governance, administrative and financial facilitation, and control. The roles of DoR are facilitated by all academic bodies of the university (BoS, RDC, Departments and Academic Council, etc.) as required. The DoR will make appropriate recommendations on research-related issues to administrative authorities for final decision-making and execution. This system will enable the collection and compilation of all the information related to research in the university and its affiliated colleges. All stakeholders will route their research-related documents to administrative authorities after the processing from the DoR. The DoR is open to getting funds for research from government agencies, industry, or other stakeholders. The university has a policy of providing a to the principal and one faculty of the affiliated college to support scientific and non-plagiarized writing. On the other hand, all the approved supervisors of the university campus are given access to the software above for quality research writing, is also made available to the stakeholders for easy access to daily international and national publications. This access will keep updating our researchers with the new knowledge constructed in the global knowledge

platform.

THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

A. Tasks of the Ethics Committee

To provide advice and guidance to the MJP Rohilkhand University on all matters of academic research ethics.

To advise the authorities on compliance with the 'Code of Ethics in Academic Research' of the various educational activities at the university and its affiliated colleges.

To provide guidance and academic support to scholars on ethical issues concerning teaching, research, and other scholarly activities.

To advise the statutory bodies of any policies that may be required to accept funds from particular research sponsors.

To act as an investigative/consultative body for any disputed matter concerning research ethics and conduct.

B. Composition of Ethics Committee

The Research Committee of MJP Rohilkhand University also acts as the ethics committee. The ethics committee, apart from the senior and junior faculties from the university, also has representatives for the society and students.

MISCONDUCT IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH

Wrongdoing in academic research implies (and is not limited to) fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or deception in proposing, carrying out, or reporting results of research and thoughtful, hazardous, or negligent deviations from accepted exercise in carrying out research. It includes failure to follow an agreed protocol if and when this failure results in unreasonable risk or harm to persons and the environment and when it facilitates misconduct in research by collusion in, or concealment of, such actions by others. Misconduct also includes any plan or attempt to do any of these things. It does not have an honest error, honest differences in interpretation or judgment in evaluating research methods or results, or misconduct unrelated to research processes.

Misconduct includes (and is not limited to) the following acts:

Plagiarism: The deliberate copying of ideas, text, data, or other work (or any

combination thereof)without acknowledgment.

Piracy: The deliberate exploitation of ideas from others without proper acknowledgment.

Abuse of Intellectual Property Rights: Failure to observe legal norms regarding copyright and the moral rights of authors.

Abuse of Research Resources: Failure to observe the terms and conditions of institutionally licensed research resources.

Offense: Failure to observe relevant legal norms governing libel and slander.

Misconception: The deliberate attempt to represent falsely or unfairly the ideas or work of others, whether or not for personal gain or enhancement.

Personation: The situation where someone other than the person who has submitted any academic work has prepared (parts of) the work.

Construction and Deception: The falsification or invention of qualifications, data, information, or citations in any formal academic exercise.

Interference: Acting to prevent others from completing their work. This includes stealing or cutting pages out of library books or otherwise damaging them, willfully disrupting the experiments of others, or endangering institutional access to licensed research resources by failing to observe their terms and conditions.

Denying access to information or material: To deny others access arbitrarily to scholarly resources or to deliberately and groundlessly impede their progress.

Identifying levels of violations of good academic practice:

The university has its plagiarism policy to practice its good academic practice available on its website.

The university will take the necessary actions prescribed by the MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, UP.

This ethics policy of MJP Rohilkhand University followed the policy documents

on the Code of Ethics in Academic Research (2017 Edition) of European University. It modified the contents as per the requirements for MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, UP

