



PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

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POLICY ON RESEARCH ETHICS

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Vision Statement:

To Promote Research leading to Innovation.

Mission Statements:

- To Promote Collaborative Research in enhancing critical thinking among both Faculty and Students.
- To translate the skills and expertise in research in a chosen domain in solving the societal problem.

Scope

The credibility of research publications is extremely important because it represents the academic image of not just an individual, but of the institution and the nation as well. The number of research articles published in reputed journals, is one of the globally accepted indicators considered for various academic purposes including institutional ranking, appointments and promotions of faculty members, and award of research degrees. Publications in dubious / sub-standard journals reflect adversely leading to long-term academic damage and a tarnished image. The problem of predatory / dubious / sub-standard journals has become a cause of serious concern all over the world. The percentage of research articles published in poor quality journals is reported to be high in India. Considering these factors, Presidency University Bangalore emphasizes the need and promotes high quality original research contributions from both faculty and students with the following objectives:

- To promote credible and quality research by the faculty members
- To promote academic and research integrity as well as publication ethics.
- To promote high quality publications in reputed journals that would help in achieving higher global rankings and overall improvement of the quality of research and education.
- To develop an approach and methodology for identification of good quality journals.
- To prevent publications in dubious / sub-standard journals.
- To promote Faculty and Students to work on Innovations leading to patents and startups.
- To encourage Faculty members to take up Major and Minor Research Projects funded by Presidency University and External Funding Agencies.

Research Core Values:

Objectivity, Ethical Value, Spiritual, Respect of Human values, Competency, Integrity, Justice, Reliability, Commitment, Openness, Accountability and Stewardship.

Code of Ethics:

- Presidency University Bangalore ensure that research is conducted in a suitable working environment with appropriate equipment and facilities. The researchers at the University adhere to the highest standards of performance, code of ethics and to all applicable Statutes and governing principles of Research Policy in carrying out their research.
- Everyone involved in research in the University is accountable to the society, the University, to their profession, to the academic bodies, to all participants in the research and to its funding agencies.

- Researchers must ensure that research projects are ethically sound, Topic/Title and research/project proposal must be approved by the Ethics Committee and all relevant statutory regulatory authorities before they commence their research.
- Research infrastructure like laboratories, Library, Computer laboratory and natural resources like water, Flora and fauna etc. Must be protected with care, and utilized for the research purpose only.
- It must be ensured that research is carried out in accordance with the health and safety policies and legislative requirements. Any adverse effect that the research may have on people, animals, the natural environment and property must be avoided.
- Fabrication and falsification of Research results as well as plagiarism are the most serious forms of research misconducts that is viewed seriously and liable for serious action by the University authorities.
- The research projects funded by the public or private agencies or the University must provide optimum value to the funders. It must ensure that projects are completed according to the agreed project plan, purpose and quality standards with tangible outcomes.
- All those involved in research at Presidency University must have the requisite research skills and competencies with a zeal to develop and update their research skills as per the need.
- Researchers must ensure that they have obtained participants written consent to collect, hold and use their personal data. Management of research data must be in accordance with the Data Protection Act and any other legal provisions, conditions and guidelines that may apply to the handling of personal information.
- Personal information obtained for the research purpose must be considered confidential and disclosure to third parties is prohibited with the exception of statutory notification as applicable to the particular research.
- Ensure that researchers submit the progress report of their research as per the guidelines. Records of research progress, including laboratory books. Are maintained according to the required standards, and that the falsification of results does not occur, Progress reports and Laboratory books must be signed and dated by the researchers and signed off by the supervisor and Chairman of the concerned Department.
- Researchers should publish the results in journals approved by the University Grants Commission. Honest, Transparent and accurate interpretations of the research must be presented, so that future research may be conducted on the basis of the present research.
- Presidency University, Bangalore encourages its faculty to organize research-based conferences, meetings, lecture-series, workshops and panel discussions to promote interest in research among student and staff.
- Faculty and Students shall submit their Research Manuscript/Research Report/Thesis for plagiarism check prior to submission.
- To maintain high standards of research ethics, the maximum levels of plagiarism permissible for submission of PhD Thesis is 12%.

Ethics Committee Members

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1	Dr. D. Subhakar	Vice Chancellor & Chairperson
2	Dr. A.M. Surendra Kumar	Pro-Vice Chancellor & CoE
3	Dr. C S Ramesh	Dean Research & Innovation
4	Dr. Jagdish H Godhihal	Prof. Civil Engg.
5	Dr. Ashok Itagi	HOD-SOD
6	Dr. Adarsh (External)	Prof & HoD, Dept of Mech. Engg. School of Engg, Jain University Bangalore