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Research & Publishing Ethics II

Understanding Research Ethics



- What is ethical research?
 - Research that is done following accepted principles of fairness and transparency
- How does one begin?
 - Researching a topic find a topic that expands on the knowledge of the subject.
 Copying someone else's topic is NOT ethical
- What considerations must be kept in mind across all phases of one's research journey?
 - Make sure you write/record in your own words. Taking short-cuts by copying or trying to reword someone else's work is always going to land you in trouble

Deeper Understanding of Plagiarism



- Who is responsible to detect and dissuade plagiarism?
 - Research Scholars
 - Research Guides
 - Institution
 - In short everyone
- What is the academic fallout of plagiarism?
 - Plagiarism is treated as an academic misconduct. Something that is at ZERO TOLERANCE

Deeper Understanding of Plagiarism



Types of plagiarism (Some acceptable definitions)

- Clone submitting someone else's work verbatim (no changes made) as your own
- CNTRL C (Copy Paste) significant amount of someone else's work simply copied and pasted as one's own
- FIND REPLACE: changing key words and phrases but retaining most of the original content
- Remix: content from various sources mixed together and presented as one
- Recycle: borrow from someone else's work and without citations

Tools Detecting Plagiarism



- iThenticate
- Turnitin
- Urkund
- Free Tools

Turnitin – M.R. plagiarism checker





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iL-KEgSbs3o

Turnitin – Video Link

Regulations Covering Plagiarism



- UGC Regulations 2018
 - https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7771545 academic-integrity-Regulation2018.pdf
- Understanding Self Plagiarism
 - https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/2284767 self-plagiarism001.pdf





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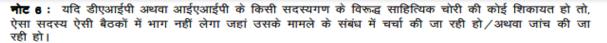
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तथा जबकि, किसी छात्र या संकाय या शोधकर्ता या कर्मचारी द्वारा निष्णात तथा शोध स्तर पर डिग्री प्रदान करने हेतु आंशिक रूप से सम्पादित किया गया कार्य, जिसका अकादिमक एवं शोधकार्य का मूल्यांकन किया जा चुका हो, जो शोध—निबन्ध, शोध—प्रबन्ध, शोध पत्रों के प्रकाशन, पुस्तकों में अध्याय, सम्पूर्ण पुस्तकों के रूप में हो तथा कोई अन्य समरूप कार्य, जो अकादिमक, सत्यनिष्ठा एवं मौलिकता के मूल तत्यों को दर्शाये तथा जिसका उच्चतर शिक्षा संस्थानों (HEIs) द्वारा अपनायी गई विभिन्न संबंधित प्रक्रियाओं में अवलोकन किया जाए।

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13. कठिनाइयों का निवारण

विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग, इन विनियमों के कार्यान्वयन के दौरान सामने आने वाली कठिनाइयों को भारत सरकार/मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय के परामर्श से निवारण करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित रखता है।

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UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION NOTIFICATION

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION (PROMOTION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND PREVENTION OF PLAGIARISM IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS) REGULATIONS, 2018

New Delhi, the 23rd July, 2018

F. 1-18/2010(CPP-II).-

Preamble

Whereas, University Grants Commission (UGC), as per UGC Act, 1956, is mandated to coordinate and determine the standards of higher education;

And whereas, assessment of academic and research work done leading to the partial fulfillment for the award of degrees at Masters and Research level, by a student or a faculty or a researcher or a staff, in the form of thesis, dissertation and publication of research papers, chapters in books, full-fledged books and any other similar work, reflects the extent to which elements of academic integrity and originality are observed in various relevant processes adopted by Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs);

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (j) of Section 12 read with clauses (f) and (g) of subsection (1) of Section 26 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the University Grants Commission hereby makes the following regulations:-

1. Short title, application and commencement -

- a. These regulations shall be called the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018.
- They shall apply to the students, faculty, researchers and staff of all Higher Educational Institutions in the country.
- These regulations shall come into force from the date of their notification in the Official Gazette.



7. Similarity checks for exclusion from Plagiarism

The similarity checks for plagiarism shall exclude the following:

- All quoted work reproduced with all necessary permission and/or attribution.
- All references, bibliography, table of content, preface and acknowledgements.
- All generic terms, laws, standard symbols and standards equations.

Note:

The research work carried out by the student, faculty, researcher and staff shall be based on original ideas, which shall include abstract, summary, hypothesis, observations, results, conclusions and recommendations only and shall not have any similarities. It shall exclude a common knowledge or coincidental terms, up to fourteen (14) consecutive words.

8. Levels of Plagiarism

Plagiarism would be quantified into following levels in ascending order of severity for the purpose of its definition:

- i. Level 0: Similarities upto 10% Minor similarities, no penalty
- Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40%
- Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%
- iv. Level 3: Similarities above 60%

9. Detection/Reporting/Handling of Plagiarism

If any member of the academic community suspects with appropriate proof that a case of plagiarism has happened in any document, he or she shall report it to the Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP). Upon receipt of such a complaint or allegation the DAIP shall investigate the matter and submit its recommendations to the Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) of the HEI.

The authorities of HEI can also take *suomotu* notice of an act of plagiarism and initiate proceedings under these regulations. Similarly, proceedings can also be initiated by the HEI on the basis of findings of an examiner. All such cases will be investigated by the IAIP.

10. Departmental Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP)

- All Departments in HEI shall notify a DAIP whose composition shall be as given below:
 - a. Chairman Head of the Department
 - Member Senior academician from outside the department, to be nominated by the head of HEI.
 - Member A person well versed with anti plagiarism tools, to be nominated by the Head of the Department.

The tenure of the members in respect of points 'b' and 'c' shall be two years. The quorum for the meetings shall be 2 out of 3 members (including Chairman).

 The DAIP shall follow the principles of natural justice while deciding about the allegation of plagiarism against the student, faculty, researcher and staff.



12. Penalties

Penalties in the cases of plagiarism shall be imposed on students pursuing studies at the level of Masters and Research programs and on researcher, faculty & staff of the HEI only after academic misconduct on the part of the individual has been established without doubt, when all avenues of appeal have been exhausted and individual in question has been provided enough opportunity to defend himself or herself in a fair or transparent manner.

12.1 Penalties in case of plagiarism in submission of thesis and dissertations

Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) shall impose penalty considering the severity of the Plagiarism.

- i. Level 0: Similarities upto 10% Minor Similarities, no penalty.
- ii. Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40% Such student shall be asked to submit a revised script within a stipulated time period not exceeding 6 months.
- iii. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60% Such student shall be debarred from submitting a revised script for a period of one year.
- iv. Level 3: Similarities above 60% -Such student registration for that programme shall be cancelled.

Note 1: Penalty on repeated plagiarism- Such student shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the previous level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is committed then the punishment for the same shall be operative.

Note 2: Penalty in case where the degree/credit has already been obtained - If plagiarism is proved on a date later than the date of award of degree or credit as the case may be then his/her degree or credit shall be put in abeyance for a period recommended by the IAIP and approved by the Head of the Institution.

12.2 Penalties in case of plagiarism in academic and research publications

- Level 0: Similarities up to 10% Minor similarities, no penalty.
- II. Level 1: Similarities above 10% to 40%
 - Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.

III. Level 2: Similarities above 40% to 60%

- Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
- Shall be denied a right to one annual increment.
- Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M.Phil., Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of two years.

IV. Level 3: Similarities above 60%

- Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript.
- Shall be denied a right to two successive annual increments.
- Shall not be allowed to be a supervisor to any new Master's, M.Phil., Ph.D. Student/scholar for a period of three years.

Note 1: Penalty on repeated plagiarism - Shall be asked to withdraw manuscript and shall be punished for the plagiarism of one level higher than the lower level committed by him/her. In case where plagiarism of highest level is





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PUBLIC NOTICE

SELF-PLAGIARISM

In the interests of Indian academia, to promote Indian research among the nations, and to ensure credibility and quality, from time to time the UGC has instituted various measures. In its efforts to curb plagiarism the UGC issued the University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018, so that plagiarised work does not acquire any credibility or value in evaluation. In continuation of its initiative, and in line with global standards of ethical publishing established by leading institutions and Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE), the UGC draws the attention of the academic community to the following:

- (i) Reproduction, in part or whole, of *one's own previously published* work *without adequate citation* and proper acknowledgment and claiming the most recent work as new and original for any academic advantage amounts to 'text-recycling' (also known as 'self-plagiarism') and is **not** acceptable.
- (ii) Text-recycling/self-plagiarism includes:
 - republishing the same paper already published elsewhere without due and full citation;
 - publishing smaller/excerpted work from a longer and previous without due and full citations in order to show a larger number of publications;
 - reusing data already used in a published work, or communicated for publication, in another work without due and full citation;
 - breaking up a longer/larger study into smaller sections and publishing them as altogether new work without due and full citation;
 - paraphrasing one's own previously published work without due and full citation of the original.
- (iii) Self-citations do not add any number/s to the individual's citation index or h-index in global academia.



2. Definitions -

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

- "Academic Integrity" is the intellectual honesty in proposing, performing and reporting any activity, which leads to the creation of intellectual property;
- "Author" includes a student or a faculty or a researcher or staff of Higher Educational Institution (HEI) who claims to be the creator of the work under consideration;
- "Commission" means the University Grants Commission as defined in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956;
- d. "Common Knowledge" means a well known fact, quote, figure or information that is known to most of the people;
- "Degree" means any such degree specified by the University Grants Commission, by notification in the Official Gazette, under section 22 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956;
- f. "Departmental Academic Integrity Panel" shall mean the body constituted at the departmental level to investigate allegations of plagiarism;
- "Faculty" refers to a person who is teaching and/or guiding students enrolled in an HEI in any capacity whatsoever i.e. regular, ad-hoc, guest, temporary, visiting etc;
- "Higher Educational Institution (HEI)" means a university recognized under section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 or an institution deemed to be university under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 or an affiliating college / institution or a constituent unit of a university;
- "Information" includes data, message, text, images, sound, voice, codes, computer programs, software and databases or microfilm or computer generated microfiche;
- j. "Institutional Academic Integrity Panel" shall mean the body constituted at Institutional level to consider recommendations of the departmental academic integrity panel and take appropriate decisions in respect of allegations of plagiarism and decide on penalties to be imposed. In exceptional cases, it shall investigate allegations of plagiarism at the institutional level;
- k. "Notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette and the expression "notify" with its cognate meanings and grammatical variation shall be construed accordingly;
- 1. "Plagiarism" means the practice of taking someone else's work or idea and passing them as one's own.
- m. "Programme" means a programme of study leading to the award of a masters and research level degree;
- n. "Researcher" refers to a person conducting academic / scientific research in HEIs;



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