

# KARIMGANJ COLLEGE

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#### 1. Introduction

The integrity of academic research is paramount at Karimganj College. This Code of Ethics is designed to uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and responsibility in research activities across all departments, including Arts, Science, Commerce, and Computer Applications.

#### 2. Objectives

- To establish a framework for ethical conduct in research.
- To prevent and address malpractices and plagiarism in research activities.
  - To promote a culture of academic honesty and integrity among students, faculty, and staff.

#### 3. Scope

This Code of Ethics applies to all members of the Karimganj College community, including students, faculty, staff, and any external collaborators involved in research activities.

### 4. Definition of Malpractices and Plagiarism

- Malpractices: Any unethical behavior in the planning, conduct, or reporting of research. This includes fabrication, falsification, and manipulation of data, as well as misrepresentation of research results.
- Plagiarism: The act of using someone else's work, ideas, or intellectual property without proper acknowledgment. This includes copying text, images, or data, presenting others' research findings as one's own, and failing to cite sources appropriately.

#### 5. Ethical Guidelines for Research

- Originality and Integrity: Researchers must ensure that all research work is original, and data is reported honestly and accurately without fabrication or manipulation.
- Proper Citation: All sources of information, ideas, or data must be properly cited. Researchers should follow the appropriate citation style as per departmental guidelines.
- Collaboration and Credit: Contributions of all collaborators in research must be appropriately
  acknowledged. Authors should ensure that all co-authors have contributed significantly to the work and
  have approved the final manuscript.
- Transparency: Research processes and methodologies should be transparent and reproducible. Data should be retained and made available for verification if required.

#### 6. Anti-Plagiarism Measures

- Awareness and Training: Regular workshops and seminars should be conducted to educate students and faculty about the importance of academic integrity and how to avoid plagiarism.
- Use of Anti-Plagiarism Software: All research submissions, including theses, dissertations, and research papers, must be screened using anti-plagiarism software to detect and prevent plagiarism.
- Self-Check: Researchers are encouraged to use plagiarism detection tools to self-assess their work before submission.
- College will purchase a software for checking plagiarism.



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# 7. Procedure for Handling Malpractices and Plagiarism

- Reporting: Any suspected case of malpractice or plagiarism should be reported to the Research and Development Cell and Ethics Committee(EC) of the college.
- Investigation: The EC will conduct a thorough and impartial investigation into the reported case. All parties involved will be given an opportunity to present their case.
- Consequences: If malpractice or plagiarism is confirmed, appropriate actions will be taken based on the severity of the violation and findings of enquiry by EC
- Appeal Process: Individuals found guilty of malpractice or plagiarism have the right to appeal the
  decision. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the EC within a specified timeframe.

## 8. Responsibilities of Researchers

- Upholding Ethics: Researchers must commit to ethical conduct in all aspects of their research and must report any conflicts of interest.
- Mentorship: Faculty members are responsible for guiding students in maintaining academic integrity and preventing plagiarism.
- Confidentiality: Researchers must respect the confidentiality of sensitive information and data obtained during research.

# 9. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Periodic Review: The Ethics Committee will periodically review and update this Code of Ethics to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.
- Compliance: Regular audits and assessments will be conducted to ensure compliance with this Code of Ethics.

## 10. Policy Dissemination

- Accessibility: This Code of Ethics will be made available to all members of the Karimganj College community through the college websiteand during research orientation programs.
- Awareness Programs: The college will organize awareness programs and training sessions to ensure widespread understanding and adherence to this Code of Ethics.

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