

CODE OF ETHICS

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Preamble:

The University encourages interdisciplinary research having core knowledge in domain aspects in broader sense and unearthing different angles of application in a thought-provoking perspective to benefit society at large and women in particular.

The university encourages transfer of knowledge/technology gained in scholarship and research for the benefit of community thereby empowering women researchers.

The faculty are expected to undertake research leading to quality publications, presentations in National/International conferences of repute. Research activity with socially useful outcomes, generation of Intellectual property with potential for commercialization are highly encouraged. The quality of research output, especially research publications are assessed on the established yardsticks such as Impact Factor (IF).

Guidelines for Code of Ethics

Institutional Animal Ethics committee (IAEC) was constituted in 2012 and takes care of all aspects of animal care and research in accordance with CPCSEA guidelines. SPMVV houses an animal facility, well maintained according to CPCSEA guidelines to facilitate preclinical studies. Research on animals is carried out only after obtaining the approval of IAEC. The goal of these guidelines is to promote human care of the animals used in biomedical and behavioural research and testing and to avoid unnecessary pain before, during and after experiment. It also provides guidelines for, housing, care, breeding and maintenance of research




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animals and establishes acceptable experimental procedures for anaesthesia and euthanasia.

Institutional Ethics Committee constituted in March, 2018 as per the guidelines of ICMR to ensure a competent review of all ethical aspects of the project proposals received by it in an objective manner. IEC endeavours to protect and promote the rights, dignity and wellbeing of research participants; educate and train the research community periodically. All the research involving human beings are to be conducted according to the four basic principles of ethics, viz; patient's autonomy respect for participant, beneficence, non-maleficence and justice.

Institutional Bio- safety Committee (IBSC) was constituted in accordance with India's Biosafety and Recombinant DNA Guidelines (1990). The Biosafety Committee is vested with the authority to review and approve practices and procedures regarding research and other activities involving potentially bio-hazardous materials, direct inspection by the Biological Safety Officer of the facilities where bio-hazardous materials are used and/or stored and take appropriate action thereof.

All the Researchers of SPMVV are expected to:

- ✦ Undertake research activities in thrust areas in accordance with the accepted standards.
- ✦ Ensure that research results are accessible to the public after completion of the research.
- ✦ Follow the guidelines prescribed in the research bye-laws
- ✦ **Integrity and honesty:** All individuals involved in research are expected to observe highest standards of integrity, honesty and professionalism in




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respect of their own actions in research as well as in their responses to the actions of others.

- ✦ **Intellectual Property Rights:** Every researcher should understand and respect the importance copyrights and plagiarism. Necessary credit should be given whenever required.
- ✦ **Social Responsibility:** University strives to promote societal good and prevents/ mitigates social harms arising through research, public education and advocacy.
- ✦ **Animal Care:** Proper respect and care for animals should be given when using them in research and ensure their safe disposal. Avoiding unnecessary or poorly designed animal experiments is advocated.
- ✦ **Human Subjects Protection:** When conducting research on human subjects, minimize harms and risks and maximize benefits; respect human dignity, privacy, autonomy and promote the harmony in the community.
- ✦ **Conflict of interest:** Researchers should declare potential conflicts of interest, both financial and professional. Researchers should ensure that they abide by any conflict-of-interest requirements of funding agencies or that are otherwise relevant to their research.
- ✦ **Professional Guidance and Legislations:** The University expects researchers to abide by the guidelines of professional, scientific and other relevant bodies. All researchers should be aware of the legal requirements which regulate their work, including health and safety legislations.
- ✦ **Generation of Research data** Research data should be generated using standard, validated methods and techniques. Maintaining raw data, recorded in accordance with good research practice is supported. Records of all procedures, standard operating procedures for equipment and data should be maintained.




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- ✦ **Publication:** Researchers must publish responsibly with an awareness of the consequences of any infringements in publication. Researchers should acknowledge the funding and each and every service utilized for the work.
- ✦ **Plagiarism:** University has plagiarism software and it is mandatory to obtain plagiarism clearance certificate before submission of Post graduate and Doctoral thesis as well as while publishing of research work or book.
- ✦ **Technology development and Support to Entrepreneurship:** This Women's University encourages the faculty, research scholars, students and freelancers to develop technology of commercial importance and undertake research in development of technology, design, innovation, consultation, translation, management and internationalization at SPMVV.




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