



# SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous)

## Research Ethics Policy

### Preface

The Ethical Research Policy serves to define the principles and responsibilities guiding the ethical conduct of research undertaken by staff and students at SIES College of Arts, Science, and Commerce (Autonomous). The institution is committed to upholding academic freedom while ensuring adherence to ethical research principles, including respect for individuals, their welfare, and justice.

### Ethical Guidelines for Conducting Research

#### 1. Good Research Practices

- Research should align with academic activities and not be pursued as an isolated endeavour.
- Staff and students are encouraged to engage in research across institutional or departmental boundaries.
- Researchers must share data, ideas, tools, and resources, remain open to criticism, and welcome new ideas.
- Contributions in collaborative research must be acknowledged appropriately.
- No individual should be compelled to participate in research that conflicts with their ethical principles.
- Researchers must ensure that their work avoids causing social harm.
- Adherence to ethical standards is mandatory for all researchers.



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- Researchers must follow the research practices set by scientific societies relevant to their discipline and comply with applicable legal requirements.

## 2. Publication Ethics

- Plagiarism is strictly prohibited. Authors are responsible for ensuring plagiarism does not exceed 10%; violations will result in disciplinary action, with the institution not being held liable.
- Authorship in multi-author publications should accurately reflect individual contributions.
- All authors must approve the content of a publication and accept responsibility for its accuracy and integrity. Honorary authorship is not permitted.
- Funding agencies, collaborators, and other contributors must be appropriately acknowledged.


## 3. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

- Researchers must respect patents, copyrights, and other forms of intellectual property.
- Intellectual property created using institutional resources or a combination of institutional resources and funding belongs to the institution.
- Researchers must adhere to the institution's code of practice on IPR.

## 4. Research Involving Human Participants

- Approval from the ethical committee is required for all research involving human participants, including the publication of related data.
- Researchers must secure approval from external regulatory bodies, where applicable.
- Human dignity, privacy, and autonomy must be respected.
- Researchers must minimize risks and maximize benefits for participants.
- Valid informed consent is mandatory; participants must be fully informed about the nature and potential consequences of the research.



  
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- Confidentiality of personal information/data must be maintained.
- Legal requirements related to the research must be fulfilled.

### **Responsibilities of Researchers**

Researchers are responsible for fostering a culture of cooperation and openness in research. They must guide and inspire students to cultivate a research-oriented mindset within the institution. Researchers are also expected to adhere strictly to the ethical guidelines to maintain research integrity.



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