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CODE OF ETHICS IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR GOOD RESEARCH CONDUCT

BMS School of Architecture is committed to the conduct of Research work in the institution in the most ethical way, upholding the principles of *Integrity, Honesty, Responsibility, Fairness and Transparency*.

All researchers are expected to conduct Research with the highest level of Integrity and Honesty. The Researcher shall be responsible for all matters related to the conduct and dissemination of research. The institution and its leadership are committed in providing a fair and transparent atmosphere to the conduct of research.

INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR PROMOTION OF GOOD RESEARCH CONDUCT

Training:

The Research Cell has to ensure that all Researchers mandatorily undertake training programs in research design, research methodology, research ethics, equipment and software use, data management, record keeping, data protection and publication, appropriate use of licensed resources and IPR.

Publication Practice:

- Researchers are encouraged to make their research work open access, to improve re-use of results and data. The research work should be shared on the internet only subsequent to the publication as it might compromise the Intellectual property rights

- All Authors to take responsibility for their publication.

- All researchers listed as authors should be able to identify their contribution to the publication and should also have contributed sufficiently to it.

- Authors should not submit the same research work in multiple journals

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Open Access: The College has a **digital repository** accessible through the BMSSA library website. Faculty and Student researchers are encouraged to share their journal and conference publications in the digital repository. This contributes to improved collaboration and sharing of resources towards research.

Research Committee:

The Research Committee headed by the Director is the primary decision making and implementing body of the school with respect to Research. The primary responsibilities of the Research Committee are

- Define the Research goals for the institution and lay down policies for its execution
- Organize trainings for Researchers
- To act as a consultative and investigative body for any disputes concerning research and ethics
- Take appropriate action for Misconduct in Research
- Allocation of funds for research activities
- Grant of funds for Research activities

In order to reinforce the research environment, an expert committee the **Academic and Professional Development Committee (APDC)**, a three-member committee, chaired by the Director, has been formed to plan, review and execute the comprehensive Faculty Development Policy of the School.

The APDC is entrusted with the following responsibilities:

- Assess academic and professional development interests and needs of faculty;

- Plan and implement activities in support of faculty and staff development;

- Create an annual budget and action agenda;

- Develop guidelines for the distribution of funds allocated for faculty and staff professional development;

- Allocate funds for proposed faculty and staff development activities;

- Review and evaluate the effectiveness of faculty and staff development activities

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UNACCEPTABLE RESEARCH CONDUCT

Unacceptable Research Conduct may fall under the following categories, but is not limited to

Plagiarism: Any deliberate attempt in copying, someone else's work without permission or acknowledgement

Fabrication: False invention of data, qualification or citations in any academic work

Misinterpretation: Any deliberate attempt to represent another person's work in a way not intended to by the original author.

INSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES IN HANDLING RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

All academic fraternity of the BMSSA involved in Research are made aware of the code of ethics as they become part of BMSSA. The code of ethics is made available on the website. In case of any misconduct in Research, the same can be reported by the concerned to their respective mentors or directly to the Director BMSSA in writing. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Research Committee decides upon the severity of the misconduct and makes recommendations for action to be taken to the DAC (Department Academic Committee) and this is also reported to the APDC (Academic and Professional Development Committee)

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