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PLAGIARISM POLICY FOR DAIMSR PROJECT WORK REPORTS

(To be observed by student researchers and research supervisors)

A] Objectives of the Guideline

1. Creating awareness of responsible conduct in academia and prevention of misconduct including plagiarism.
2. Establishing an institutional mechanism for the promotion of academic integrity, responsible conduct, and prevention of plagiarism.
3. Setting up a system for catching plagiarism and mechanism for punishing the act of plagiarism.

B] Plagiarism Defined

The definition of plagiarism has been defined in Section 2 (k) of UGC Act 1956, the regulation as, "...an act of academic dishonesty and a breach of ethics. It involves using someone else's work as one's own. It also includes data plagiarism and self-plagiarism."

C] Self-Plagiarism

The inclusion of self-plagiarism is an interesting addition as it means that using your own previous work without adequately citing it has also been brought within the ambit of the definition. This idea may appear counterintuitive to the very soul of plagiarism which is stealing someone else's work but it is important to understand that representing old work as new work is stealing from yourself. It also defeats the purpose of research papers which is to present original work and the integrity of the work is marred. Most publishers will not allow for self-plagiarism as there is no differentiation made between your published work and other people's published work. One of the most important facets to consider is that the copyright for published works are usually held by the journal rather than the author and plagiarizing from your own work would mean the violation of such copyright.

D] Methods for Curbing Plagiarism

1. RM faculty to include sensitization seminars for students during semester I for responsible conduct in pursuit of academia as well as teach academic ethics to students.
2. The SDP on research should cover training for using plagiarism detection technology.
3. All supervisors will provide a certificate which states that the student or researcher under him/her has not plagiarized any content. (Certificate of Originality)



E] Exemptions

Certain content will be exempted from the charge of plagiarism even though they are reproductions of other works. The said exemptions are as follow:

1. Quoted work which is either in the public domain or has been attributed adequately or permission has been granted for its use.
2. All references, table of content, preface, acknowledgement, and bibliography are exempted.
3. Similar content which is minor.
4. Standard equations and symbols, laws and generic terms.

F] Tolerance of Plagiarism

Tolerance of plagiarism has been divided into two parts

1. **Zero-tolerance areas:** This means that plagiarism of any degree will not be tolerated. Zero tolerance is restricted to core areas. Core areas are the hypothesis, the recommendations, the abstract, the summary, the conclusion, the results and the observations.
2. **Tolerance areas:** Plagiarism in all areas but the core areas is tolerable to a certain extent. The various levels of plagiarism have been quantified and given below;
 - Up to 10%- Excluded
 - Between 10% and 40% - Level 1
 - Between 40% and 60% - Level 2
 - Above 60% - Level 3

G] Penalties for Students

Penalties will be given to students according to the decision of the CoE. The punishments given to students for plagiarism for different levels of severity are given below:

1. **Level 1 (10%-40%)**– the student will not be given any mark or credit and revised script must be resubmitted within a stipulated time period which does not exceed 6 months.
2. **Level 2 (40%-60%)**– the student will not be given any mark or credit and the revised script is to be resubmitted between 1 year and 18 months.
3. **Level 3 (above 60%)**– the student will not be given any mark or credit and their registration for that course will be canceled.



If a student repeats such act of plagiarism then the punishment will be for the next level to the one previously committed. In cases where the highest level of plagiarisation occurs then the punishment remains the same and the registration will be canceled.

If degree or credit has already been obtained and the accused has been proven to have plagiarized content then said degree or credit will be suspended for a stipulated time period.

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