



**INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL  
NIRMALA COLLEGE, MUVATTUPUZHA**

**CODE OF ETHICS IN RESEARCH**

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## PREAMBLE

This Code of Ethics in Research envisage principles and practices to guide scholars toward the highest epitomes of scholarly research. Academic freedom as the leading principle of our research the Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha is committed to promoting and maintaining high standards of integrity and accountability in the conduct of academic research and is keen to introduce a culture of honesty and transparency. The college is dedicated to guaranteeing a free academic environment to conduct research, to teach, to speak and to publish, subject to the norms and standards of scholarly analysis. Every researcher should advance the knowledge, mission, and values of our profession, and maintain and enhance its validity through rigorous study, active dissemination and discussion, and responsible criticism. The faculty, research staff, and students will abide and fulfil the responsibilities and obligations as per the guidelines issued by Research Promotion Council. There are three significant commitments set on the council.

1. The council must ensure that all the privileges of the researchers are secured, and shield participants from potential antagonistic outcomes of the research.
2. To build up an institutional mechanism to encourage responsible conduct of research and promotion of academic integrity
3. To create a framework to identify copyright infringement and to set up instruments to avoid plagiarism.

### **Nirmala College adopts the following principles**

1. Conduct all research activities in accordance with the accepted standards of our discipline
2. Ensure the accuracy of the data gathered and/or used in our research
3. Ensure that only the correct data, information, and research results shall be reported in journals, conferences, and reports

4. Take reasonable steps to rectify significant errors in the published data, via the issuance of erratum, retraction, or correction of the data
5. Avoid making exaggerated claims that are not warranted by the results of research inquiry.
6. Not to plagiarize; that is, to present portions of another's report or data as our own and Cite clearly all sources of information and data used in the research
7. Give proper acknowledgment and credit to resource/funding sources of research
8. Provide assistance to other researchers in the area of your expertise.
9. Acknowledge the material contribution of others in our research undertaking.
10. Keep detailed and complete records of research
11. Be transparent in the use and disbursement of resources for the research
12. Declare promptly any conflict of interest in our engagement in research and presentation of research results
13. Ensure that our research results are accessible to the public once the research is concluded or as soon as is reasonable
14. Respect the confidentiality of sources by not using or releasing data and information revealed to us in confidence.
15. Call the attention of the public and the authorities to any hazard we observe that threatens human and environmental safety
16. Avoid making misleading or exaggerated statements, or publicizing equivocal research findings as fact.
17. Observe safety practices in all our research activities
18. Avoid deliberate violation or circumvention of regulations governing research.
19. Refrain from causing harm, stress or pain to any animal in any experiment that does not contribute any substantial benefit to humanity.
20. Ensure that laboratory wastes are properly disposed or treated, and our research activities do not result in environmental degradation

21. To conduct research that serves the needs and promotes the best interests  
Respect cultural, individual, and role differences among research participants and consumers, including those based on age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity
22. Avoid research practices and reports which create biases and prejudices
23. Protect our participants' right to privacy and confidentiality
24. Safeguard the rights and welfare of persons and communities whose status and vulnerabilities may impair autonomous decision-making

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