

## **Lok Jagruti Kendra University (LJU)**

### **Code of Ethics in Research**

Lok Jagruti Kendra University (LJU) is committed to highest standards of ethical conduct in research activities undertaken by its faculty members and researchers. The university has decided to strictly handle any misconduct in research work such as falsification or plagiarism in proposing, performing or reviewing research or reporting research results. The university is committed to comply with the guidelines of University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018 ([https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7771545\\_academic-integrity-Regulation2018.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/7771545_academic-integrity-Regulation2018.pdf)) with regards to research outcomes in the form of thesis, dissertation and publication of research papers, chapters in edited books, full-fledged books and any other publication of similar importance, including outcomes of funded research and consultancy assignments. The guidelines in this context are given in what follows:

1. All the researchers (students, faculty, Ph.D. scholars and any other staff actively involved in research) associated with LJU are expected to follow the principles of integrity, honesty, openness and objectivity in conduct of research work.
2. Before undertaking any research project, the researcher will ensure that the project complies with the prevailing ethical guidelines, and is not violating any rule of the LJU and legal framework of the country, directly or indirectly.
3. Necessary approvals for undertaking research funded by external agency will have to be obtained from the competent authority (Vice-Chancellor or a Committee appointed by the Vice-Chancellor), before commencement of the project.
4. The researcher will specify the requirements in terms of manpower, laboratory equipment, other goods and services that may be required along with budget and other details, with a covering letter for approval of the competent authority.
5. Approval of 'Ethics Committee' for any trial involving humans or animals is mandatory prior to collection of data.
6. LJU researcher will comply with the standard data management norms while collecting, storing, processing and erasing data related to any research work. If funding agency has its own norms related to access, maintenance, sharing and handing over of data, they should be followed without any breach.
7. Confidentiality in dissemination of findings should be maintained as per the condition of the contract with the funding agency.
8. Progress reports of funded research project should be submitted to the competent authority from time to time, as per the directives of the Vice-Chancellor.
9. Any changes in conditions stipulated by the sponsor during the course of the project must be communicated to the Vice-Chancellor and necessary documentation must be done to avoid any conflict at a later stage.

10. Before concluding the research project, the researcher should assure that the output is in line with the guidelines of the sponsoring agency.
11. In case of collaborative projects, the researcher will be responsible for maintaining necessary documents with partner agencies and submit them to the Registrar and the committee recommended by the Vice-Chancellor, LJU.
12. The researcher shall also comply with Discipline/Institute-specific policies related to conduct of research.

The above code is applicable to Faculty, Ph.D. Scholars, Students and any other staff involved in research.