

# Code of Ethics for Research



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## 1. Preamble

KN University promotes research that benefits to the larger section of society and so all Institutes under the University are committed to research focused on people, organisations and industry. To honour the trust placed in researchers by research participants, funding organisations and society, the researchers should at all times act correctly and in ways that respect the rights and dignity of the participants, organisations and industry. In this regard all faculty members, researchers and students undertaking research are bound by code of research ethics.

## 2. Objective

KN University lays down Code of Ethics for Research To provide the ethical framework within which the ethical review process will operate across campus to promote exemplary ethical standards in research and scholarship.

## 3. Scope

This document lays down code of research ethics for all faculty members, researchers and students undertaking research and operationally controlled by the KN University. It covers all the activities through which research information and data are gathered, processed and disseminated including surveys and interviews and the reporting of research findings. The following are ethical principles that this codes address:

1. **Honesty:** It means honestly conducting the procedures/methods, collecting data, reporting results, publication status in scientific communications, i.e. not indulging in scientific misconduct, and not deceiving colleagues, funding agencies or public at large.
2. **Objectivity:** It is about avoiding bias in experimental design, data analysis, data interpretation, paper review, personnel decisions and other aspects of research where objectivity is required.
3. **Integrity:** It is about keeping promises and agreements, acting with sincerity and presenting data in full, precisely, fairly and frankly manner.
4. **Carefulness:** It is avoiding careless errors, examining one's own or ones peers' work carefully and critically and keeping good records of research activities.
5. **Openness:** It is about accepting open criticism and new ideas.





6. **Respect for intellectual property:** Give credit where credit is due to all contributors, honor patents, copyright and other forms of IPR, and never plagiarize.
7. **Confidentiality:** Maintain confidentiality of records for the sponsors, and of the records of the patients/human volunteers.
8. **Responsibility:** Be responsible for the research outcome regarding:
  - **Responsible publications:** Publish in order to advance research, avoid duplicative and wasteful research.
  - **Responsible mentoring:** Help, educate, mentor and advise students regarding their research.
  - **Social responsibility:** Strive to promote social goodness and prevent/mitigate social harms.
9. **Respect colleagues in collaborative work:** Foster scientific collaboration by maintaining an atmosphere of openness, mutual assistance and trust.
10. **Nondiscrimination:** Avoid discrimination against colleagues/students/research subjects on the basis of gender, race, religion or any other factor not related to the scientific competence.
11. **Professionalism:** Maintain and improve professional competence and expertise through learning and upgrading your knowledge by keeping abreast of scientific developments in your field of interest.
12. **Human rights protection:** Respect human dignity, privacy and autonomy, maximize benefits and minimize harms.
13. **Animal care:** Give proper respect and care to animals. Do not conduct poorly designed/unnecessary animal experiments.
14. **Legality:** Know and obey relevant institutional laws and policies, and the laws of the land.

