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ANTI-PLAGIARISM

POLICY
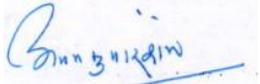
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**Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences and Technology (MGUMST), Jaipur
reserves the right to modify the above policy as deemed fit from time to time**

Vision of the University

- To develop MGUMST as an Institution of Excellence, at par with Global standards, in the field of healthcare and allied sciences.

- To amalgamate our colleges, departments, students and alumni to impart world class research and education, aimed at making a positive difference in the healthcare at the national and global level.

- To achieve overall development of learners, including character and moral values, by imbibing a culture of inquisitiveness, inclusion, collaboration and innovation.

- To ensure equality amongst diversity in all respects, reflecting the true Gandhian principles, so that everyone gets a fair opportunity and the best of minds and talent may be recognised and allowed to flourish in the ever-changing competitive environment.

Mission of the University

- To develop dynamic, self-dependent and world class Healthcare Institution dedicated in providing the best medical education and clinical treatment.

- To develop the best healthcare practices in the community, with a spectrum ranging from preventive health measures to excellence in tertiary care, with an aim to establish a healthy, disease-free society.

- To enroll students, staff and faculty in various clinical and non-clinical programs based on the principle of merit and impartiality, and without any discrimination of race, sex, non-disqualifying disability, caste, religion, and national or ethnic origin.

- To utilise the latest technology, as well as, to identify the best possible use of upcoming technology such as Artificial Intelligence to predict, prevent and treat various ailments and illnesses before they affect an individual or the community.
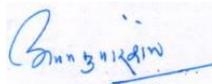
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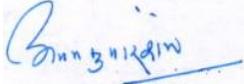
I.   Introduction

Plagiarism is an act of academic dishonesty committed by students or faculties and is widely recognized as a serious issue amongst institutions all over the world. To keep plagiarism in check, each institution should have a plagiarism policy which deals with acts similar to academic dishonesty and educates the students and the faculties regarding the ill effects of this act. The Mahatma Gandhi University of Medical Sciences And Technology, Jaipur is committed to high standards of academic excellence and ethical conduct. The University has zero tolerance to any sort of scientific misconduct owing to data fabrication, falsification or plagiarism.

II.   Definition

Plagiarism as an act or instance of using or closely imitating the language and thoughts of another author without authorization and the representation of that author's work as one's own, as by not crediting the original author.

III.   Scope

- Any academic activity viz, publications, research work, dissertations, case reports can be subject to plagiarism. Examples of plagiarism include the following:
    - Copying another writer's work with no attempt to acknowledge that the material was found in an external source.
    - Copying material from several writers & rearranging with citation.
    - Incorporating another writer's words or phrases within a larger paraphrase, without quotation marks or citation.
    - Changing the words of an original source, but using the ideas without citing.
    - Self plagiarism: reproducing or publishing one's own published work, in a part or whole, without referring to the earlier published work.
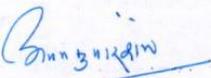
IV. Prevention and Control

- <u>Cite the source</u>: When taking the idea from a source, the citation to the writing must mention the full name of source, the year the source was published in and any other necessary citation element.

- <u>Add quotations</u>: quotations must around the text that is taken from a source

- <u>Paraphrase</u>: paraphrasing involves using a source's work but putting it in one's own language. It should be done carefully. Since it involves using someone else' work, citations should be used.

- <u>The idea should be original</u>

- <u>Use a plagiarism checker</u>: while conducting a research on a topic, one might use certain sentences or phrases from the source.

V. Obligations of the University

- MGUMST spreads awareness regularly about its anti-plagiarism policy, scope, prevention, control and management.

- All staff members, research scholars are provided a copy of the anti-plagiarism policy.

- All research submitted to the university should have an attached report obtained from the plagiarism detection tool, certified by the publications committee

VI. Reporting and Handling

- Any suspected case of plagiarism against a student or a research scholar will be addressed by the committee.

- According to the committee's recommendation with the plagiarism detection report, the level of plagiarism will be divided into the following categories:

- Below 13%: The similarity between two documents within acceptable limits, relevant references present – No actions required.

    a) 14-20%: Counseling on how to avoid plagiarism and resubmit the document.
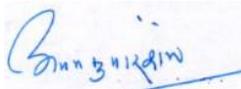
b) 21-30%: Online resources used to copy certain excerpts, no references mentioned, lack of knowledge. Such researchers would have to undergo research training and then resubmit document again

c) More than 31%: This would indicate high level plagiarism, intentional copying of someone's work. The researcher would have to redo the entire submission form initial stages as per guides recommendation and would be reprimanded as per the guidelines

- Any faculty member or a student found guilty of plagiarism has the right to appeal against the punishment awarded if they desire so.

VII. Constitution of the committee

- The Editorial Board of the journal of MGUMST shall also function as Anti Plagiarism Committee of MGUMST.

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