



**BLDE**

**(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)**

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The Constituent College

**SHRI B. M. PATIL MEDICAL COLLEGE, HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE**

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March 30, 2019

**NOTIFICATION**

On recommendation of 27<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 and on approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor vide order no. 1296 dtd. 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 the following Academic Integrity Policies have been notified as follows:

1. Academic Integrity in conducting research
2. Academic Integrity on teaching, learning and evaluation
3. Academic Integrity in publications

The policies will be implemented with immediate effect.



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- The Controller of Examinations
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- The Dean, Student Affairs
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- The Member Secretary, Ph. D. Committee
- PS to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor





## **BLDE (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)**

### **POLICY FOR MAINTAINING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

#### **PREAMBLE:**

BLDE (Deemed to be University) has proud privilege in the academic integrity of the staff and students. Academic integrity is broadly categorized as academic integrity in conducting Research, Academic integrity in teaching learning and evaluation, Academic integrity in publications, Anti plagiarism policy to check plagiarism.

Academic integrity shall be maintained through the honesty in academic work in the constituent colleges and departments of BLDE (Deemed to be University). The staff and students give strength to the policy by adhering to the ethical and responsible conduct of Research, teaching learning and evaluation and publications.

To promote a strong culture of academic integrity and to control academic dishonesty and research misconduct, BLDE (Deemed to be University) Vijayapura has formulated the property based on these core values:

- Academic integrity in conducting Research
- Academic integrity in teaching learning and evaluation
- Academic integrity in publications

These values shall stand as pillars in maintaining the academic integrity of BLDE (Deemed to be University), Vijayapura.

The value and benefits of research are dependent on the integrity of the researchers. Researchers have a significant social responsibility to prevent research misconduct and misuse of research. Responsible researchers should abide by the standards prescribed by their professions, disciplines and institutions and also by relevant laws. The responsible conduct of research (RCR) involves the following major components: values; policies; planning and conducting research; reviewing and reporting research; and responsible authorship and publication.

Responsible to conduct of Research is guided by shared values including honesty, accuracy, efficiency, fairness, objectivity, reliability, accountability, transparency, personal integrity, and knowledge of current best practices.

Specific issues like Conflict of interest issues, data acquisition, management, sharing and ownership issues while planning and conducting research must be addressed appropriately at the

beginning of the research. As public trust in published research is essential component of ethical and responsible research. It should be honest, reporting should be transparent and truthful and integrity beyond doubt.

These broad guidelines are based on the National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research involving Human Participants, published by Indian Council Of Medical Research 2017. The BLDE (Deemed to be University) sincerely follows the guidelines in letter and spirit.

[https://icmr.nic.in/sites/default/files/guidelines/ICMR\\_Ethical\\_Guidelines\\_2017.pdf](https://icmr.nic.in/sites/default/files/guidelines/ICMR_Ethical_Guidelines_2017.pdf)

**Academic dishonesty is “an intentional act of cheating or deceit for fulfilling academic requirements and/or duties”.**

### **OVERVIEW:**

The policy describes academic dishonesty and research misconduct as (*not limited to*):

1. **Plagiarism:** – Includes incorporating quotation(s) or paraphrasing from the work of another person (s) without acknowledgment and Copying or representing or submitting the work of another person as one's own.
2. **Malpractice & Cheating :** Attempting to gain unfair advantage in an assessment by deceptive means and includes cheating in an examination, soliciting request or receiving information or providing information to, another student or any other unauthorized source through written and printed material, including electronic and digital sources and devices, with the intent to deceive while completing an examination.
3. **Misrepresentation of documents:** Falsification/Illegal copying, alteration, or misuse of any University or official document, record or instrument of identification.
4. **Misinterpretation of research and publication:** Fabrication, falsification of research work, research publications as book chapters, journal articles and/or conference publications.
5. **Previously submitted work:** Submitting academic/ research related material that has been previously submitted in whole or in substantial part in another course, without prior and expressed consent of the mentor/ teacher
6. **Selling research and academic related materials:** Selling or offer for sale project work/report, thesis, hand book, records of BLDE (Deemed to be University).

**Common acts of dishonesty could be broadly described as follows:**

- a) **Undergraduate Students:** Copying at class test and university examinations, copying or cooking up records and case sheets, forging teachers signature in records, altering marks entered in papers, giving proxy for attendance at teaching sessions.

- b) **Post Graduate students/Residents:** Copying at university exams, getting false findings at the university examinations, getting technical help during examinations, plagiarism in dissertation, cooking up data, cooking up case records etc.
- c) **Faculty:** turning a blind eye to the above acts of dishonesty, not taking cognizance when residents report acts of cheating, giving more/less marks than what is due, taking bribes, favors to pass student, manipulating attendance /progress figures in order to permit non compliance students to appear for the examinations.

#### **Academic integrity in publications:**

Publication Policy of BLDE (Deemed to be University) is framed to encourage intellectual honesty in all medical and scientific courses and to inform publication ethics and prevent misconduct. It has been framed with a view to define best practice in the ethics for scientific publishing for faculty members, research scholars, research associates and students.

The researchers should follow the guidance of International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE) on authorship.

(Publication policy: [www.bldeu@publicationpolicy](http://www.bldeu@publicationpolicy))



