



MAHARAJA RANJIT SINGH PUNJAB TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
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NOTIFICATION

Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, Bathinda Anti-Plagiarism Policy For Ethical Conduct in Research-2016

Maharaja Ranjit Singh Punjab Technical University, (MRSPTU) Bathinda (erstwhile Maharaja Ranjit Singh State Technical University) has been established as an affiliating University vide Punjab Act No. 5(2015) and notified through Punjab Government Gazette-Extraordinary (Regd. No.-CHD/0092/2015-2017) notification No. 5-Leg./2015 dated 12th February 2015.

In its pursuit for excellence in education and research, as embodied in its vision and mission and to output quality human resources with high professional and ethical conduct, guidelines and anti plagiarism policy has been framed.

Consequent upon the approval of Academic Council (Item 1.07) in its 1st Meeting held on 11.03.2016 and subsequent approval of Board of Governors (Item 4.3) of MRSPTU in its 4th meeting held on 12.04.2016, the University hereby notifies its **Anti-Plagiarism Policy For Ethical Conduct in Research – 2016** to uphold and practice research ethics by all researchers affiliated to this University.

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CONDUCT IN RESEARCH-2016**

OBJECTIVE:

In pursuance of the vision and mission of MRSPTU in regard to attaining excellence in technical education and research and to provide quality human resources having high professional and ethical conduct, provisions are made for upholding and practicing research ethics by all the researchers. In addition, all students shall abide by Honor code of the University.

PART-A

UNETHICAL RESEARCH PRACTICES

(1) PLAGIARISM:

- a) Claiming the work, research data, text phrase(s), paragraph(s), or idea(s) of someone else- from published or unpublished work including as available on Internet or in any other media, orally presented at any platform or personally discussed- as the candidate's own, be it researcher or faculty member or employee, either in publication or presentation or in any other form for any academic purpose, including attainment of a degree e.g. in thesis, project reports, sponsored research projects/proposals, books etc., without proper citation, acknowledgement or reference, shall be termed as plagiarism.
- b) Presenting or reproducing one's own published work- partially or in whole- without giving proper reference of the work shall also be treated as a form of self plagiarism.

(2) FORGERY AND MISINTERPRETATION OF RESEARCH DATA:

Presentation of fabricated results, forged data, false statements, reporting or claiming results for which experiments have not been performed, deliberately withholding the results that do not conform to the proposed hypothesis / theory in any form- for the

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purpose of attaining any academic degree or benefit, including service benefit- shall also be treated as unethical research practice.

(3) MISUSE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

Misuse of privileged or confidential information received by virtue of being an examiner to review/examine/grant research proposals/projects, or by virtue of peer reviewer for a journal, or as an examiner of a project/thesis/seminar/ or any other examination shall be deemed as unethical research conduct. Any person found guilty of passing confidential information to unauthorized person, who indulges in plagiarism, will be charged with misconduct.

PART-B

GUIDELINES FOR ETHICAL CONDUCT IN RESEARCH

- (1) Authors/researchers shall cite/quote others' work whether published or unpublished in all research communications wherever used in their own work. Other's work may have been published in book/journal/proceedings of conference / seminar / workshop, available on website, or orally presented in seminar.
- (2) Authors shall explicitly acknowledge the technical contributions made by others towards the fulfillment of the objectives of the research work submitted by them to earn an academic degree.
- (3) Plagiarism check, as per the relevant software available in University library or as recommended by the competent authority shall be mandatory before submission of dissertation/thesis, in partial fulfillment or as such, for the award of a research based degree. A report to this effect shall be put up before Dean R&D through the Department for consideration, adjudication, and acceptance.
- (4) Complete and accurate record of experimental data, which form basis of conclusions/observations in research work or thesis, shall be maintained by the researcher. Data storage whether electronically or hand written should have dates.



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- (5) Publication should be listed as submitted or accepted only when the author has actually submitted or received letter of receipt/acceptance, as the case may be, from the authorized official of the journal handling the manuscript.
- (6) Author should not publish same research, including abstracts, in two places; citation must be included to avoid 'self- plagiarism'.
- (7) If plagiarism has been noticed or reported, it is the author's responsibility to correct or retract article as per journal's specifications.
- (8) All students admitted to this University shall abide by the Honor Code of the University.
- (9) The candidate has to certify, duly endorsed by the Supervisor, in case of studies dealing with Animals/Genomes/Stem-cells, radioactive material etc. that all Ethical clearances have been obtained and requisite facilities are available.

PART-C

HONOUR CODE OF MRSPTU, BATHINDA

"All students admitted to MRSPTU, Bathinda shall not engage in any unethical activity, morally or professionally, and shall perform all academic and research activities that enhance the prestige and honor of the University"

PART-D

ANTI-PLAGIARISM POLICY

- (1) If a draft thesis is found plagiarized and/or is reported to DDRC, it shall call the candidate to hear the candidate's view. On hearing the candidate, the DDRC shall submit its recommendations keeping in view the following guidelines:
 - (a) If the similarity between documents is within the limit (maximum 15% in each chapter) for putting some original results in proper context and all original sources are correctly cited. The similarity is not of such nature which directly affects the original findings of research. No further action is required. Candidate may be permitted to submit the thesis.

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- (b) **Self-plagiarism:** “Regarding self plagiarism or cases where published work of the student himself is shown as Plagiarized in the check, a certificate (Self Plagiarism Exclusion Certificate-Annexure) has to be issued by the supervisor specifying and attaching the articles that have been published by the student from the thesis work. Only these articles should be excluded from the check; no other article of the student or supervisor should be excluded from the check.”

If the similarity contents are from candidate's previous published work without proper citation then the candidate shall resubmit the work with proper citations. If the published work is also co-authored, the researcher shall submit a consent letter from co-author(s) and the publisher permitting him to use the work in his thesis.

- (c) **Unintentional (Low-level) Plagiarism:** When the similarity between documents is marginally outside the limit and plagiarism is not deliberate or is not intended to cheat, the candidate may be allowed to resubmit the work with proper citations.
- (d) **Inept (Mid- level) Plagiarism:** When the similarity between documents is outside the limit and relates to absence of citation(s), and copying of few sentences and paragraphs, though the intent to cheat is very low. In this case, the candidate may be allowed to resubmit the work with proper citation and with a warning not to repeat the mistake again.
- (e) **Intentional (High-level) Plagiarism:** When the intention to cheat is obvious and deliberate and is a planned attempt to copy the work done by someone else, and is claimed as one's own to attain an academic degree. Large amount of data is taken from someone else's work directly, art work copied, source code copying etc. without citation, acknowledgements and/or permissions. The candidate's registration may be cancelled.

- (2) The thesis resubmitted as recommended by the Departmental Doctoral Research Committee will be again placed before DDRC and the candidate shall also be present to substantiate the necessary improvements made by him in the work/thesis.



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PART-E

ACTION FOR PLAGIARISM REPORTED

- (1) In case, any plagiarism is reported to the University when a Ph.D. degree has already been awarded, the Vice-Chancellor may constitute an expert committee to enquire into charges of plagiarism and the committee will submit its report with recommendations.
- (2) The expert committee may give the opportunity of hearing to the concerned parties as it may deem fit.
- (3) The Vice-Chancellor will place the report along with recommendations of the committee before the Academic Council for its consideration and action.
- (4) In case, plagiarism is detected/reported for any published work (books/monographs/Thesis/ Dissertations/ Research papers etc.) with sufficient proofs- on the basis of which an academic degree has been attained or any service benefit claimed/ obtained, matter shall be referred by the Vice-Chancellor to an expert committee (comprising of Dean R&D, Dean Academic Affairs, HoD, and three subject experts to be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor) to enquire into the charges of plagiarism. The committee will submit its report with recommendations to Vice-Chancellor for appropriate action. In case, a high-level intentional plagiarism is established, the case shall be referred to the university Board of Governors (BoG) for withdrawal of all academic and service benefits extended on the basis of these published works or for taking any other action that the BoG may deem fit.

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Self-Plagiarism Exclusion Certificate

In the thesis submitted by _____ Regd. No. _____ for the award of PhD,
the content of the Chapters have been published in

(Give the details of the work published in Journals/Books etc)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

This published work has been included in the thesis and has not been submitted for any
degree to any University/Institute.

(Signature of the Candidate)

(Signature of Supervisor(s))



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Self-Plagiarism Certification/Consent by Co-authors

We have published the following articles/Research papers jointly:

(Give the details of the work published in Journals/Books etc)

- 1.
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- 3.

- We give our consent to Mr./Ms. Regd. No. to make use of these articles for his / her Thesis/Dissertation.
- The above research paper(s) have not been used by any of us for any degree / Diploma in any other University.
- We shall be responsible for any legal dispute/ case(s) for violation of any provisions of the Copy Right Act.

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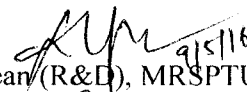
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This has the approval of Board of Governors, MRSPTU Bathinda on 12.04.2016 at Chandigarh.


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 Dean (R&D), MRSPTU

The notification is forwarded to the following for information and further necessary action.

1. PA to VC, MRSPTU, Bathinda

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