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NOTIFICATION

The Cotton University Executive Council in its 25th meeting held on 3rd August, 2022 vide its Res. No. EC/2022/25/14 has accepted and approved "The Code of Ethics in Research" of Cotton University.

It is notified for general information that "The Code of Ethics in Research" of Cotton University will come into force with immediate effect.


(Prof. D.K. Das)
Registrar

Memo No. CU/R&D/Research Ethics/2023/38/ 1364-72

Date: 06 February, 2023

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1. PS to Vice Chancellor for kind appraisal of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
2. All Deans of CU for kind information.
3. All Officers for kind information.
4. All Heads of Departments for information.
5. Librarian i/c, SKB Library
6. Finance Officer
7. Computer System Manager, to upload the Notification and Code of Ethics in the website.
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Cotton University Code of Ethics in Research

(Approved by the Executive Council vide Res. No. EC/2022/25/14)

Preamble

The Code of Ethics for Cotton University provides the broad guidelines of the ethical principles and standards that faculty, students and researchers of the university are to abide by for conduct of research activities. The Code of Ethics follows fair judgment after reviewing research involving human/animal participants to ensure that the welfare, rights, dignity and autonomy of the participants and the public in general are protected. Approval is given on a case to case basis, after careful deliberation and discussion by the members of each of the multidisciplinary and independent bodies viz. **Institutional Human Ethical Committee, Institutional Bio-Safety Committee and Institutional Animal Ethics Committee** as may be the case. The code is dynamic in nature, which is liable to change in line with the recommended guidelines and practices of the National regulatory bodies of the Government of India.

Thus, Code of Ethics for Cotton University reflects the ingrainment of national and global ethics in the research work carried out by the researchers at Cotton University.

Policy statement for Code of Ethics in Research

The following codes of ethics for research are followed at Cotton University.

- ❖ All the researchers of Cotton University are expected to persevere high standards of honesty, dedication, sincerity and professionalism in all the spheres for research, undertaken by them.
- ❖ All the researchers of the Cotton University must follow the rules and regulations of the University and must avoid the duplication, plagiarism and malpractice in research.
- ❖ All the researchers of the Cotton University must follow the mandated levels of safety rules and regulations, especially when dealing with hazardous/corrosive/carcinogenic chemicals, sophisticated instrumentation and use and disposal of biological materials, as per the standard chemical and biological safety guidelines.
- ❖ The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) recommended and approved by the Institutional Human Ethical Committee, Institutional Bio-Safety Committee and Institutional Animal Ethics Committee are to be followed by the researchers of Cotton University.
- ❖ The researchers of the University are to follow the Cotton University Human Ethical guidelines for any kind of survey and field works involving human subjects, as approved the committee.
- ❖ The researchers of the University are to follow the Animal Ethical guidelines for any kind of research works related to animals, as approved the committee.
- ❖ The researchers of the University are to follow the biosafety rules and guidelines for any kind of microbial/bio-related research works, as approved the committee.
- ❖ Any research related to clinical trial, involvement of radioactive elements, or such kind must follow the Government of India rules and regulations with prior approval from concerned Government agencies.

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2. Policy Statement for Code of Ethics in Research

The following codes of ethics for research are followed at Cotton University and will be called Cotton University Code of Ethics in Research (CUCER).

2.1 All the researchers of Cotton University are expected to persevere high standards of honesty, dedication, sincerity and professionalism in all the spheres for research, undertaken by them.

2.2 Cotton University should be duly acknowledged in all publications, patents, reports and research related documents generated as an outcome of the work of registered researchers/supervisors of Cotton University.

2.3 All the researchers of the Cotton University must follow the rules and regulations of the University and must avoid the duplication, plagiarism and malpractice in research. Researchers should observe valid, legal norms related to the conduct and publication of research, particularly in relation to copyright, the intellectual property rights of third parties, the terms and conditions regulating access to research resources, and the laws of libel.

2.4 All the researchers of the Cotton University must follow the mandated levels of safety rules and regulations, especially when dealing with hazardous/corrosive/carcinogenic

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2.10 The researchers of the University are to follow the guidelines set by the Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India, that apply to practices adopted and interventions applied while working with radiation sources in Indian laboratories. The guidelines also ensure that the ionizing radiation and nuclear energy does not cause any risk to the health of researcher and the environment. Such research works are to be closely monitored by an Institutional Radiation Safety Committee, which shall help in ensuring compliance to these guidelines so that the exposure to all sources of ionizing radiation should be 'as low as reasonably achievable'.

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