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Code of Ethics

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Preamble

Homi Bhabha National Institute was created by Department of Atomic Energy by academically integrating ten of its institutions under its administrative control. One more (NISER) was added subsequently as an Off-campus centre of HBNI. Ethics and integrity have been the core values of DAE institutions and HBNI, from its inception, has taken all necessary steps in ensuring these qualities among its faculty and students. HBNI is committed to fostering an environment of academic rigour and ethical values. This note describes the policy elements of HBNI with regard to ethics and integrity.

This code of ethics shall apply to all the faculty members, students, researchscholarsand supporting staff. The CIs/OCC of HBNI have articulated a Code of Ethics, which will be binding on the staff members and students of those organizations, in addition to the Code of Ethics outlined here.

Merit:

Merit is, and shall be, at the heart of every decision making in HBNI. Starting from admissions, examination and evaluation system, recognition of faculty, award of degrees and all related processes, merit is given the highest level of consideration. No extraneous considerations are encouraged in any decision making process.

Academic Integrity:

HBNI has zero tolerance for any form of academic dishonesty.

Students as well as faculty shall always adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity. Any incidence of unethical practice will adversely impact the standing and reputation of the Institute, besides providing undue disadvantage to a section of students/faculty, and therefore, every student and faculty of the institute is responsible for maintaining a high standard of ethics and shall take proactive steps to maintain such standards and never abet any unethical practice.

In the process of interpretation of data, preparation of research papers / reports or making presentations, they shall always ensure that due credit is given for other's work, and in no circumstances, indulge in plagiarism.

Students and faculty shall also resist and bring to the notice of the appropriate authority, any instance of plagiarism or unethical practice observed by them.

Unethical Practice:

The term "Unethical practice" shall include all of the following, but not limited to the following:

1. Copying the report or publication of others substantially or in part, and including in one's own publication or report, without due acknowledgement.
2. Deliberately submitting parts of the same work to same or different journals / conferences, with the aim of increasing number of publications
3. Interpreting data selectively by deliberately ignoring part of the data, in order to reach a pre-determined conclusion
4. Misrepresenting personal particulars including educational qualifications / academic performance in order to gain admission to an academic program.
5. Forging or altering certificates issued by HBNI or fabricating certificates.

Steps for ensuring academic integrity:

1. All research papers to be communicated to the journals and papers / reports to be presented in various fora shall be checked for plagiarism
2. All thesis and reports submitted to the University shall be subjected to plagiarism check using appropriate tools and certified to be free from plagiarism before forwarding the same to the Central Office.
3. Authorship: The list of authors should include only those faculty or students who have significantly contributed to the work reported, and not merely provided facilities or financial support. The main or lead author should also ensure that no person who contributed to the work reported in the paper is ignored without appropriate acknowledgement.
4. In dealing with students, faculty members will have merit, and only merit, as the consideration, and will not permit any other factors to influence their decision or judgement.
5. The Guide shall inculcate healthy academic practices and train the student to make measurements carefully, interpret the data without bias, and prepare reports/paper on his own without reproducing from any other source.
6. On noticing any unethical practice on the part of the student, the Chairman and members of the Doctoral Committee shall unhesitatingly take steps to stop such practice and take suitable remediation measures and also initiate necessary action on the student.