

Policy on Ethical Research

Revised Version 2

Rules & Regulations for constitution and procedures of proceedings

(with effect from 2017-2018)



SRI RAMAKRISHNA
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE (Autonomous)
Formerly SNR Sons College

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1.0 Introduction

Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science, formerly known as SNR Sons College is one among the most renowned Arts and Science Educational Institutions in the country, where excellence is a tradition. SRCAS, though affiliated to Bharathiar University, became autonomous in 2004.

The College is at the forefront of higher education in India by balancing its commitment to academic excellence with emphasis on all-round development of students. The College has a splendid record of 30 magnificent years of service in the field of education offering courses in traditional Arts and Science courses and in emerging areas such as various Management courses, International Studies, Information Technology and Biotechnology. The curriculum promotes national development, fosters global competencies and facilitates skills training to meet the challenges of a competitive workplace.

The college also offers the following Ph.D. and M.Phil. (Full-time and Part-time) Research Programmes:

- Electronics
- Computer Science
- Commerce
- Biotechnology
- Management Sciences
- Mathematics
- English
- Tamil
- Social Work

2.0 Need for Policy on Ethical Research

Sri Ramakrishna College sees many a reasons to adhere to ethical norms in research. The foremost among them is promoting quality research in search of knowledge and truth. It is equally important that prohibitions against artificially constructing, falsifying, or misrepresenting research data and curbing the practice of plagiarism will ensure quality research that contribute to find lasting solutions.

3.0 Principles of Ethical Research

Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science adopt the following principles in ethical research:

- **Objectivity:** Consciously upholding the values of being independent and true and avoiding individual subjectivity
- **Integrity:** Adopting a high level of academic moral character, and intellectual honesty as well as assuming personal responsibility for the actions committed and omitted by the researcher
- **Confidentiality:** The researchers must respect the privacy, autonomy, diversity, values, and dignity of research subjects and must be very sensitive while disclosing the information and data of public interest by ensuring the privacy and confidentiality of the source of information.
- **Transparency:** The researchers must be as open as possible with respect to the decisions made and provide justifications for their actions.
- **Honesty:** The researchers must possess unbiased and honest attitude in knowing and stating the truth.

4.0 SRCAS Research Ethics Committee

The following are the guidelines to put in place an ethical committee in Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science (Autonomous) with effect from 1st January 2016:

a. Name of the Committee:

Research Ethics Committee

b. Constitution / Members of the Committee:

The Research Ethics Committee shall consist of a Chairman and three other members as detailed below:

Chairman	- Principal of the College (1)
Member Secretary	- Convener of the Research Committee (1)
Members	- Any Two Senior faculty members as nominated by the president (2)

c. Responsibilities:

1. To review the ethical safeguards of the proposed research
2. To ensure the rights, safety and well-being of the trial subjects / respondents / participants
3. To enquire the complaints against research supervisors / guides / candidates and make suitable recommendations to the President

d. Meetings:

Regular meetings: There shall be regular ethics committee meetings once in every semester;

Emergency Meetings: A meeting shall be called for by the member secretary on receiving the advices from the President, whenever there arises emergency situations;

***Note:** A request letter may be submitted to the member secretary, by any interested person who seeks an emergency meeting to absolve any issue related to her / his research*

5.0 Scope and coverage

The Research Ethics Committee shall regulate the matter pertaining to:

- a. Ethical Research Practices;
- b. Plagiarism prevention

6.0 Amendment

The college shall review its ethics policy from time to time so as to amend the policy whenever required to suit to the national level policies / directives issued by appropriate apex bodies.

7.0 Publication of the Research Ethics Policy

The college shall to publicize the Research Ethics Policy by circulating among the research guides / supervisors. registered research candidates, teaching staff of the college as well as published in the College Website in a prominent manner so as to attract the attention of the interested persons.
