

**S.A. ENGINEERING COLLEGE, CHENNAI-600077**  
**(An Autonomous Institution, Affiliated to Anna University)**

**CODE OF ETHICS- RESEARCH**

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Objectives of the research Ethical Committee

1. To review Ethical Safeguards of the proposed Research.
2. To ensure the Rights, Safety and well-being of the trial Subjects / Respondents / Participants.
3. To regulate the matter pertaining to Ethical Research Practices.
4. To support activities for Plagiarism prevention.
5. To promote Quality Research in search of Knowledge and Truth

The major functions of ethics and plagiarism committee are given below but not limited to:

1. Approval of research projects that involve human participants or personal information. Provide suggestions and advice on any research-related ethical concerns.
2. Ensure that the institution complies with all statutory and regulatory requirements regarding its adherence to ethical, legal, and professional commitments and standards.
3. To provide guidance to the Principal on concerns pertaining to integrity in research and ethical issues.
4. Regular R&D committee meeting initiatives will make sure that researchers are aware of the value of integrity and ethics and that they adhere to ethical standards for research and publication methods at the institutional, national, and international levels.
5. All researchers should have access to the necessary tools in order to do a standard plagiarism check, which should be made mandatory.
6. Faculty members shall utilize research software tools such as Turnitin for similarity checking of research articles/student project reports.
7. Furthermore, the R&D Committee will educate the research community about questionable research and publishing procedures, as well as predatory journals.
8. Research articles and grant proposals shall have a 10% similarity or publisher/Grant agency similarity limit (whichever is minimum).
9. In UG and PG project reports, the minimum allowable similarity is 15% and 20% respectively.

10. In case of any faculty member/scholars/students who have committed the act of plagiarism in their thesis/project report/journal publication/grant proposal/any other research writing, appropriate action will be taken against them as per the guidelines of the University/UGC/Publisher/Funding Agency/any other competing authority.