Plagiarism Policy

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Preamble

Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences (RUAS) is established as a Private University under Section 2(f) of UGC and an act of Government of Karnataka. The University's Vision is to be a premier Institution of Higher Learning with a focus on Research and Innovation to help and support the Global Community in fostering new ideas and technologies. At RUAS, Research and Innovation Council (RIC) – a Statutory Committee looking into research matters and activities was set up in 2014.

The University is ensuring Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism through the '*Plagiarism Policy*' of RUAS. This Policy is derived from the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism) Regulations, 2018 notified in the Official Gazette of India dated 31 July 2018. On the other hand, the RUAS Community (Faculty Members and Ph.D. as well as Postgraduate Students) are trained, and made aware of, to adhere the Anti-Plagiarism mechanism for Ph.D. Thesis, Dissertations, Research Publications etc. across the University ecosystem. Moreover, the University has subscribed to Turnitin® Anti-Plagiarism Software from 2016 onwards and the RUAS Community are aware of implications of Plagiarism.

Aim of the Plagiarism Policy:

The aim of the Plagiarism Policy is to enhance the quality standards of Ph.D. Thesis and Post Graduate Students' research work leading to the partial fulfillment of award of degrees by RUAS. The Policy has led to the implementation of Anti-Plagiarism mechanism which is imbibed as the research culture among Faculty Members and Students. This has led to the attainment of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism across the University. The Plagiarism Policy is developed in alignment with UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism) Regulations, 2018.

Objectives of the Policy:

The Objectives of the Policy are:

- To promote Academic Integrity and implement mechanism for Prevention of Plagiarism in RUAS Community
- To develop criteria to detect plagiarism by sensitizing Faculty Members and Students on Intellectual Honesty for dissemination of knowledge
- To conduct training on using Anti-Plagiarism Software and create awareness on Code of Ethics in Research in terms of Citing, acknowledging the original Authors, Copyright etc.

Terms of Reference and Guidelines:

- Policy is mainly applicable to the Faculty Members, Staff, Ph.D. Scholars and Postgraduate Students
- Plagiarism Check needs to be carried out before submission of Ph.D. Thesis/PG Dissertation and research publications
- Reports of Similarity Index generated from Turnitin® Anti-Plagiarism Software is considered by the Department and the University
- Individual Faculty shall conduct Training and Awareness Programmes on Academic Honesty and Prevention of Plagiarism for Faculty Members and Students
- Similarity Index acceptable by the University is <= 10% for Ph.D. Thesis and PG Dissertations/Assignments
- In case of any Faculty Member or Students is found guilty of Plagiarism issues, the Disciplinary Committee of the Department shall assess the level of Plagiarism and suggest decisions as per the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism) Regulations, 2018
- The Disciplinary Committee in turn shall update the Academic Registrar/Director – Academics within 45 Days of the decisions/action taken

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- The following three criteria should be adhered by all the Post-Graduate Students and the Ph.D. Scholars:
    - ➢ Attach the report on Similarity Index depicting <= 10% as the last page of Dissertation or Ph.D. Thesis as the case may be
    - ➢ Declaration on Similarity Index should be mandatorily signed by Post-Graduate Student/Ph.D. Scholar as well as their respective Supervisor and HoD
    - ➢ Definitions can be reproduced using '*Double Quotes*' by clearly citing the References

- All the Members of RUAS Community should adhere to the Plagiarism Policy in letter and spirit

Deliverables:

The key deliverables include:
- ➢ Dissemination of knowledge which is free of plagiarism through Declarations
- ➢ Promotion of Academic Integrity among Faculty Members and Students
- ➢ Implementation of Plagiarism repercussions as per the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism) Regulations, 2018
- ➢ Improvement in Quality of Research Outputs

By virtue of Plagiarism Policy, the quality of research outputs considering code of ethics in Research can be enhanced across all the Faculties of the University. All the Departments shall be equipped with an administrative Login of Turnitin® Anti-Plagiarism Software to perform checks on Reports, Thesis, Dissertations, Articles etc. submitted from Students and Faculty Members. In summary, RUAS.

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