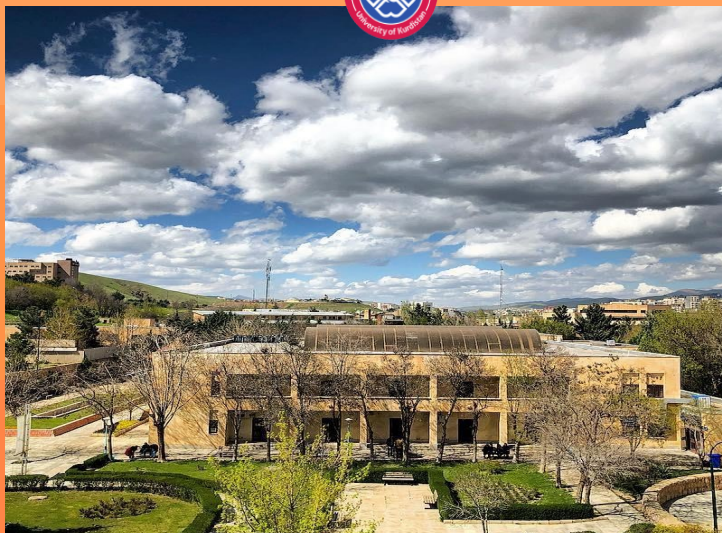


Researchers must conduct their scientific work honestly and professionally, following modern research methods. They should remain aware that the pursuit of truth and the advancement of knowledge depend on adherence to ethical principles, trust, and social responsibility.

In This Regard, the Smart/Micro Grids Research Center (SMGRC) has developed this guideline to ensure that all research activities within the center comply with ethical standards and contribute to reliable scientific progress.

All students and researchers affiliated with the SMGRC are invited to strengthen their understanding of research ethics and actively help to promote a culture of integrity in research. The SMGRC members must observe this guideline diligently, as any form of research misconduct may undermine public trust in the SMGRC and the University of Kurdistan.



Data fabrication and falsification: Creating, altering, or manipulating data, results, or documentation to conform to desired hypotheses or outcomes.

Scientific plagiarism: Using another researcher's data, results, analyses, or ideas without proper citation or acknowledgment.

Duplicate publication or simultaneous submission: Submitting or publishing the same or substantially similar research content in multiple journals or conferences, whether in print or digital forms.

Improper authorship: Listing individuals as authors who did not make a substantial or essential contribution to the creation or development of the work.

Lack of coordination with the supervisor: Engaging in collaborative research or external correspondence related to research topics without informing or obtaining permission from the academic supervisor.

Misuse of others' abilities or resources: Taking advantage of the capabilities, data, or contributions of other center members or external individuals without coordination or consent.

Biased or unethical peer review: Providing subjective or inappropriate opinions during research meetings or peer-review processes.



Obligations and Conduct of SMGRC Members

- Members must present research findings honestly and avoid any form of misconduct or unethical behavior.
- Participants in the SMGRC regular meetings must maintain confidentiality regarding ideas or discussions shared during sessions. Any observed misconduct must be reported to the SMGRC authorities.
- In all research-related electronic correspondence, members must use their official institutional email addresses and copy (CC) their academic supervisor(s) and relevant advisors.
- Any sharing of the SMGRC facilities, data, or equipment must be approved by the relevant technical staff and SMGRC management.
- Members are responsible for their own work and research integrity and must adhere to established academic and research standards.
- Formation of subgroups or networks for research collaboration must be done with prior coordination and approval of the SMGRC Leader.
- Members are not permitted to use the SMGRC name, title, or reputation for personals, academic or employment-related purposes (e.g., job applications, promotions, or contracts) without the explicit consent of the SMGRC management.

In the case of observing any **unfair or unethical behavior**, or any **academic or research misconduct by the SMGRC members**, please report the matter to the SMGRC Management via email at parastn.smgrc@gmail.com.

In cases of confirmed research misconduct, the SMGRC Management will take appropriate measures in accordance with the **“Center’s Policy on Addressing Research Misconduct in Research Activities.”**

Finally, it should be noted that the purpose of presenting this guideline and herein is to establish a **safe, trustworthy, and supportive environment** that fosters the **professional growth and advancement** of all members at the SMGRC.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and commitment in helping us uphold these important values.

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