

Publication Ethics Guidelines for the International Journal for Research on Extended Education (IJREE)

I. Objective

This document delineates the ethical framework designed to uphold research integrity, methodological rigor, and scholarly transparency throughout the research and publication lifecycle at IJREE.

II. Scope of Applicability

These standards govern all participants engaged in manuscript preparation, submission, peer review, and publication processes within IJREE.

III. Research Misconduct

Any conduct that compromises the veracity and credibility of scholarly work is strictly prohibited. This encompasses, but is not limited to:

- **Fabrication:** The intentional creation or presentation of data or findings that lack an empirical basis.
- **Falsification:** The deliberate alteration of research procedures, materials, or data to misrepresent or distort the study outcomes.
- **Plagiarism:** The unacknowledged appropriation of another researcher's ideas, verbiage, or results, including instances of self-plagiarism without proper citation.

IV. Authorship and Attribution of Contributions

Authorship should be conferred only upon individuals who have made substantial intellectual or practical contributions to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the research. All qualifying contributors must be appropriately credited as co-authors.

V. Citation and Acknowledgment Practices

Accurate and comprehensive attribution is required when citing previous scholarly work. Any use of information derived from personal communications or unpublished sources must be accompanied by explicit, written consent from the original source.

VI. Originality and Submission Integrity

Manuscripts must constitute original work, must not have been published previously, and must not be concurrently under review elsewhere. The submission of redundant or overlapping manuscripts is considered unethical. Should any content originate from a thesis or dissertation, it must be duly cited in both the acknowledgments and reference

sections.

VII. Oversight and Sanctions for Ethical Violations

The editorial board is tasked with ensuring compliance with these ethical standards. Allegations of misconduct will prompt a comprehensive investigation. Manuscripts found to be in breach may be rejected or retracted, and the authors involved may face a temporary ban on future submissions. Authors may seek a review of the decision by submitting a Compliance Confirmation Form along with new evidence within 30 days of notification.

VIII. Copyright and Licensing

The publisher retains copyright, including commercial usage rights for all disseminated articles. Authors are permitted to share their article after 12 months/when the journal is available Open Access provided that appropriate attribution is made to the original publication and that it is used according to the journal's creative common license.

IX. Commitment to Inclusive and Non-Discriminatory Language

IJREE is committed to fostering an inclusive and equitable academic milieu. Manuscripts must employ language that is respectful and free from discriminatory connotations related to gender, race, age, health status, or other social identifiers. The editorial board reserves the right to request revisions to ensure compliance with this commitment.

X. Plagiarism Screening and Responsible Use of Text

Every submission will undergo rigorous plagiarism screening. The detection of any plagiarized content will result in the immediate rejection of the manuscript.

XI. Utilization of Generative AI Tools

Authors may employ generative artificial intelligence (AI) and AI-assisted tools solely to enhance language clarity and stylistic quality—not for the derivation of research insights or data analysis. All AI-generated content must be meticulously reviewed and modified by the authors, who retain full responsibility for the final manuscript. Disclosure of any AI usage is mandatory, and such tools must not be credited as co-authors. Furthermore, AI should only be used for minor modifications to visual content (e.g., adjustments to brightness or contrast) unless it is integral to the research methodology. In such cases, a detailed methodological account and specification of the tools utilized must be provided.

XII. Fundamental Ethical Commitment

Strict adherence to these ethical guidelines is imperative to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity and excellence in scholarly publishing within IJREE.