

Research Ethics

Research ethics are the moral principles that a research scholar must follow, irrespective of the place or time. Behaving ethically involves doing the right thing at the right time. These ethics focus on the moral principles that researchers must follow in their respective fields of research as they have also wider issues about standards of conduct. These include the importance of publishing findings in a transparent way, not plagiarising others' work, and not falsifying work.

Objectives of Research Ethics:

- ❖ They promote the aims of research, such as expanding knowledge.
- ❖ They support the values required for collaborative work, such as mutual respect and fairness. This is essential because scientific research depends on collaboration between researchers and groups.
- ❖ They mean that researchers can be held accountable for their actions. Many researchers are supported by public money, and regulations on conflicts of interest, misconduct, and research involving humans or animals are necessary to ensure that money is spent appropriately.
- ❖ They ensure that the public can trust research. For people to support and fund research, they have to be confident in it.
- ❖ They support important social and moral values, such as the principle of doing no harm to others.