

Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal

Academic Integrity Policy

Preamble

The Indian Institute of Forest Management places the highest importance to academic integrity. The creation of original academic content, whether by faculty or students is an important part of IIFM's academic ethos. In this context, IIFM considers plagiarism as a very serious misdemeanour. IIFM's academic integrity policy aims not only to curb plagiarism, but to also encourage its academic community to create original work and to maintain highest standards of ethics and scholarship. The academic integrity policy should be seen as a key enabler in the pursuit of IIFM's vision to be an international leader in teaching, training, research and consultancy in the areas of environment, development and forest management.

Definition

Plagiarism is the deliberate submission, in print or over the internet, of previously written work without proper attribution. It would be considered plagiarism if a substantial unattributed similarity is found with published or unpublished work, even if the previous work is of one's own.

Plagiarism would involve copying of sentences, paragraphs or lengthy extracts that exceed reasonable limits from written work or from the internet. The written work can include, but is not limited to, theses and dissertations, consultancy and research reports, summer Internship reports, articles, blogs, scientific papers, synopses, term papers and class assignments.

Detection of Plagiarism

The prime responsibility of submitting original work lies with the author(s). In the case of multiple authors, while the first author is primarily responsible, the others are also responsible in checking the document before it is submitted.

IIFM will, from time to time, hold workshops and trainings for its academic community to spread awareness about plagiarism with a view to empower content creators to produce original content. IIFM will also take other necessary steps to provide any assistance that is helpful in curbing plagiarism.

Action against Plagiarism

IIFM will deal with all allegations of plagiarism in consonance with notified regulations and following principles of natural justice. Matters pertaining to plagiarism will be handled by an Academic Integrity Panel constituted by IIFM. Depending on the nature, extent and frequency of plagiarism, the committee will recommend disciplinary action.