

## **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for RCAS Research Ethics Committee**

### **Composition of Research Ethics Committee (REC):**

To strengthen the research activities, RECs planned as multidisciplinary and multisectoral in composition. The Composition may be as follows:

Principal –Research Ethics Head

Dean, Research & Development – Research Ethics Member

Management Member - Research Ethics Member

Faculty member - Research Ethics – Science

Faculty member - Research Ethics – Computer Science

Faculty member - Research Ethics – Commerce

Faculty member - Research Ethics – Management

Faculty member - Research Ethics – Fine Arts

### **Objective of the Research Ethics Committee (REC):**

- The research ethics committee engage faculty and scholars of the research community, address research ethics policies that should be followed on campus.
- The REC will be a part of Research Advisory Committee (RAC), together monitors the research activities of faculty and students of RCAS.
- The REC monitors and maintain high standards of integrity, honesty and professionalism in respect of all the research work undertaken by faculty and students.
- The committee promotes necessary safety measures to be followed to the faculty and students who involved in research projects.
- The committee serves as a forum to discuss research ethics-related issues/implementation at RCAS.
- The committee follows the regulations of the Bharathiar University and U.G.C. regarding plagiarism and malpractice in research activities.
- The REC approves scholars (M. Phil / PhD) thesis submission only after screening plagiarism from Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.
- Regarding paper publications, REC recommends all students, scholars and faculty to avail the facility in the college library to check for plagiarism before it is submitted.
- The REC will ensure that all the fundamental principles of research ethics viz, autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence and justice are taken care of in planning, conduct and reporting of a research proposal.
- REC ensures quality and consistency in review of research proposals following national ethical guidelines in particularly for biomedical research on human subjects.