

Plagiarism policy of JHS

Preface

The word plagiarism is derived from Latin word *Plagiarius* which literally means *kidnapper*. Though the strata of academicians are talking about plagiarism more strongly of late but this unhealthy practice exists since centuries with the incidences rampantly rising recently.

There does not exist any universally accepted/ adopted definition of academic plagiarism; however, according to Bela Gipp it encompasses: "The use of idea, concepts, words or structures without appropriately accommodating the source to benefit in a setting where originality is expected."

In some context it is considered as theft or stealing of someone else's intellectual property. It is also referred as academic dishonesty or academic fraud. Numerous guidelines are formulated and are framed basically to warn the author with a clear message that if this particular work is not yours and if you are incorporating into your work; you simply must extend credit to the original author.

Levels of Plagiarism

There are various levels of plagiarism devised by institutions, allowing another to incorporate views/conclusions/ thoughts of another into his/her work by complementing or quoting the original author by various methods.

Level 1. Uncredited verbatim copying of a full paper

Level 2. Uncredited verbatim copying of a large portion (up to half) of a paper

Level 3. Uncredited verbatim copying of individual elements such as sentences, paragraphs, or illustrations

Level 4. Uncredited improper paraphrasing of pages or paragraphs (by changing a few words or phrases or rearranging the original sentence order)

Level 5. Credited verbatim copying of a major portion of a paper without clear delineation of who did or wrote what.

The levels of plagiarism is cited and adopted from the source:
<http://www.csee.umbc.edu/~pmundur/courses/CMSC691M-04/IEEE-plaqiarism-defn.html>;

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Procedure of handling a case of plagiarism

Once notified, by any means, the matter will be referred to the dedicated committee especially constituted to look into the cases of reported plagiarism. The members of the committee are nominated members among the office bearers and members of editorial team of JIHS. This committee shall initiate investigation of the matter in its pre defined manner and shall submit the report to Editor-in-Chief of JIHS for further actions as per laid down guidelines in two weeks time.

In the event of being proved a case of plagiarism beyond any reasonable doubts, the matter shall be communicated to the corresponding author of the submitted manuscript to clarify his/her stand in that matter.

It is imperative to stress upon that plagiarism check is the responsibility of author(s). All authors are deemed to be individually and collectively responsible for the content of papers submitted for publication. Hence, it is the responsibility of every author to ensure that papers submitted to JIHS must be in accordance with the highest ethical standards with respect to plagiarism. In any case of plagiarism, the responsibility will be of the author(s) totally. JIHS will not be responsible for any such incident.

A committee will investigate the matter if any such case is reported and decision taken by the committee in this regard will be final.