



Research Ethics Review and Misconduct Resolution: Institutional Practices from Kenya

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Research Ethics in Kenya

- Overseen and accredited by National Commission for Science, Technology & Innovation (NACOSTI).
- Currently, 46 IRBs accredited in Kenya.
- Domiciled in Universities, Hospitals, and Research Institutions.
- IRBs are both in private and public sector.

Research Integrity in Kenya - Nationally

- Not well established in Kenya.
- There are attempts to develop national RI Code.
- National RI virtual workshop was held.
- NACOSTI organized virtual session - different stakeholders.



Kenya Research Integrity Workshop

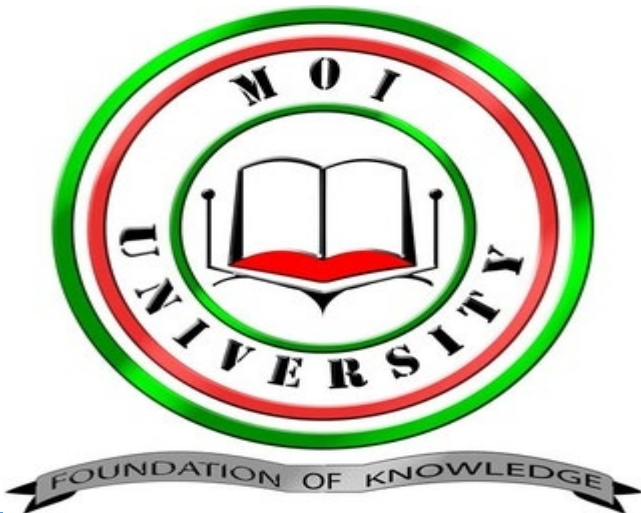


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Research Integrity in Kenya – Institutional Levels

- Plagiarism is often checked especially in academic institutions.
- Often combined with Research Ethics.
- Three institutions have developed frameworks:
 1. Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)
 2. University of Nairobi
 3. Moi University



Handling Misconduct – KEMRI Insights

- Ten (10) member committee appointed in July 2023.
- Committee ToRs:
 - 1) Development of institutional frameworks
 - 2) Create awareness on RI
 - 3) Development of roadmap for establishment of ORI.
- The RI policy is developed and approved
- Draft Guidelines & SOPs are being aligned with approved policy
- Continuous creation of awareness

Handling Misconduct – KEMRI Insights

- Prior to this, RM issues were handled in an ad-hoc manner.
- Temporary Bureaus of Scientific Integrity (BSI).
- BSIs are issue-specific and short life span.
- Recommendations helpful in addressing similar future cases.

Lessons from KEMRI RI Journey

1. Develop frameworks – policies, guidelines, SOPs etc.
2. Create awareness on RI – Prevent, Detect Early, Correct
3. Create safe environment for RM reporting
4. Intentional & institutionalized mentorship programs.
5. Start with available resources with long-term vision.
6. Document all actions.

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