ETHICAL FRAMEWORK AND POLICY

FOR

GLOBAL JOURNAL OF SOCIAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

The Global Journal of Social Scientific Research (GJSSR) is committed to fostering ethical research practices and ensuring the integrity of the publication process. This framework outlines the ethical principles that guide our operations and the expectations for all participants in the research and publication ecosystem.

I Ethical Principles

1. Integrity and Honesty

   o All research must be conducted with integrity and honesty, ensuring that findings are reported accurately and transparently.

   o Authors must disclose any potential biases or conflicts of interest that may affect their research.

2. Respect for Research Participants

   o Researchers must obtain informed consent from all participants and ensure their confidentiality and anonymity.

   o Studies involving vulnerable populations must include additional safeguards to protect participants.

3. Accountability

   o All parties involved in the publication process—authors, reviewers, and editors—are accountable for upholding ethical standards.

   o Authors are responsible for ensuring the originality of their work and for providing proper citations.

4. Fairness and Impartiality

   o The peer review process should be fair and impartial, ensuring that manuscripts are evaluated based on their scientific merit without bias.

   o Editors must handle submissions without discrimination based on race, gender, nationality, or institutional affiliation.

5. Diversity and Inclusion

   o The journal promotes diversity in authorship, editorial boards, and the topics published.

o   Research addressing global social issues from varied cultural perspectives is encouraged.

II. Authorship and Contributions

- Criteria for Authorship: Authorship should be limited to those who have made significant contributions to the conception, design, execution, or interpretation of the research.

- Acknowledgment of Contributions: Contributions from individuals who do not meet authorship criteria should be acknowledged in the manuscript.

III. Peer Review Process

- Confidentiality: The identities of authors and reviewers must be kept confidential throughout the review process.

- Reviewer Responsibilities: Reviewers must provide constructive feedback and disclose any conflicts of interest.

- Editorial Decision-Making: Editors are responsible for making publication decisions based solely on the merit of the work, guided by reviewer recommendations.

IV. Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct

- Plagiarism Policy: The journal has a zero-tolerance policy for plagiarism. Manuscripts will be screened using plagiarism detection software.

- Reporting Misconduct: Any suspected cases of plagiarism or academic misconduct will be investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken, which may include retraction of the paper.

V. Conflict of Interest

- Disclosure: Authors, reviewers, and editors must disclose any financial, personal, or professional conflicts of interest that could influence their work.

- Management of Conflicts: The journal reserves the right to take necessary actions if conflicts are not disclosed.

VI. Publication Ethics

- Retraction and Correction: The journal has a clear policy for retraction or correction of published articles in cases of ethical breaches or significant errors.

- Duplicate Publication: Authors must ensure that their submission is not under consideration elsewhere and has not been published previously in any form.

VII. Data Sharing and Transparency

- Encouragement of Open Data: Authors are encouraged to share their data and research materials to enhance transparency and reproducibility.

- Data Privacy: Sensitive data must be handled in compliance with relevant privacy regulations.

VIII. Compliance with Legal and Regulatory Standards

- Adherence to Laws: The journal will comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding research ethics, including those relating to human and animal rights.

- Ethics Approval: Authors must obtain ethics approval from relevant institutional review boards where applicable.

IX. Public Engagement and Impact

- Research Relevance: The journal encourages research that addresses pressing social issues and contributes to public discourse.

- Communication of Findings: Authors should consider how their research findings can be communicated effectively to wider audiences beyond academia.

X. Review and Revision of Policies

- Regular Review: The ethical framework and policies of the journal will be reviewed annually to ensure they remain current and relevant.

- Feedback Mechanism: Stakeholders, including authors and reviewers, are encouraged to provide feedback on the ethical policies to facilitate continuous improvement.