Promoting Responsible and Ethical Research from the Beginning of the Student Research Journey

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The Center for Innovation, Research, and Planning (CIRP) continues to strengthen the University's research culture by developing a Research Ethics Guide for Students, which provides practical, accessible guidance on conducting research responsibly. The guide emphasizes that research ethics is not merely a compliance requirement but a fundamental responsibility that should guide every stage of the research process, from topic selection and data collection to analysis, interpretation, and presentation of findings. It aligns with existing university policies to ensure consistency and compliance across research activities.

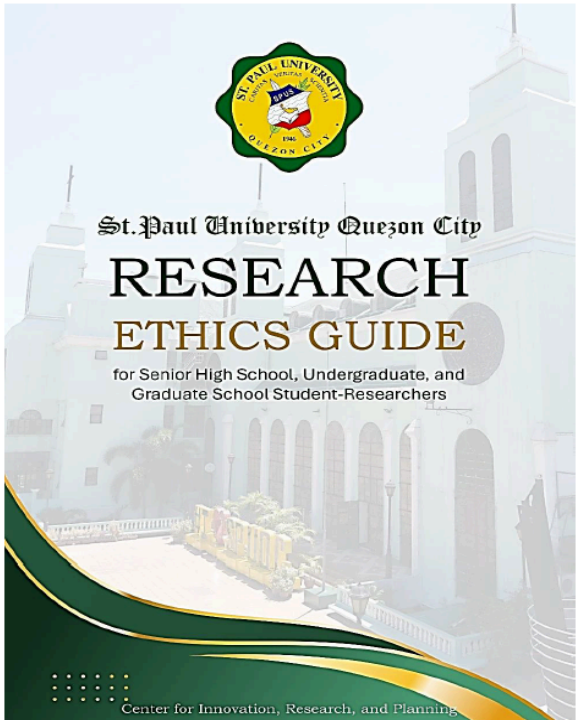
The guide covers key ethical principles, including informed consent, protection of participants, confidentiality and privacy, voluntary participation, risk-benefit considerations, responsible data management, proper citation, avoidance of plagiarism and research misconduct, and integrity in reporting findings. It also helps students appreciate the real-world implications of their decisions, particularly when research involves human participants, sensitive information, or vulnerable groups, empowering them to conduct responsible research confidently.

The guide further serves as a common reference for research advisers and faculty mentors, promoting consistency in the guidance provided to student researchers. Its development reflects the University's commitment to making research ethics understandable and relevant while strengthening shared responsibility among faculty and students in upholding research integrity. It complements the University's continuing Research Ethics

Seminars for faculty, staff, and students, and is supported by additional training resources to facilitate ongoing understanding and application of ethical principles.

Through these initiatives, CIRP supports the University's broader goal of developing students as responsible producers and users of knowledge. By fostering integrity, accountability, critical thinking, and respect for others, the institution builds a research environment where ethical considerations are integrated into research planning, implementation, and dissemination.

Ultimately, CIRP promotes the principle that research excellence begins with research integrity, inspiring researchers to conduct their work with competence, responsibility, and respect for human dignity.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