

The Regulations of Ethics Committee

Chapter 1: General Regulations

Article 1 (Purpose)

This regulation stipulates matters concerning the establishment and operation of the ethics committee, which will be in charge of the ethical compliance of contributors, reviewers, and editorial members regarding the published publications and journal articles by the Korean Association of General Education.

Article 2 (Tasks and Roles)

This Committee is in charge of compliance with research ethics of papers submitted or included in the journal and other publications published by this society and raising, judging, and executing ethical issues of reviewers and editors.

Chapter 2 Organization and Operation

Article 3 (Composition and Operation)

1. This committee consists of five or more members, and the president of this society appoints the chairperson and members.
2. The chairperson convenes this Committee when reviewers, editorial board members, members, and readers report an issue on a particular article and judges whether there is a violation of the ethics regulations and disciplinary action with the attendance of 1/2 of the enrolled members with the consent of 1/2 of the members present.
3. The chairperson excludes the members who conflict of interest in the case from the judgment process. The chairperson decides whether or not a member has a conflict of interest after hearing the opinions of the members.

Article 4 (Authority and Enforcement)

1. This Committee has the authority to conduct extensive investigations on cases reported as violations of the Code of Ethics through the whistleblower, the person under investigation, the witness, the referee, and the evidence.
2. This Committee judges research misconduct based on the following criteria.
 - (1) Whether the conduct is ethically or legally reprehensible in the academic field to which the researcher belongs
 - (2) Considering the 'Guidelines for Securing Research Ethics' at the time of the act and the universal standards at the time the act took place
 - (3) Comprehensive consideration of the intention of the actor, the quantity and quality of research misconduct results, the practice and specificity of academia,

and the profits obtained through research misconduct

3. In principle, the president of this Association must immediately execute the decision. In an exceptional case, the president may request a one-time reconsideration of the evidence.

Chapter 3 Discipline and Vindication

Article 5 (Violation and Reporting)

1. When a member recognizes another member's violation of the Code of Ethics, the member must try to correct the problem by reminding the member of the code of ethics.
2. If the listener does not rectify that violation, the informant can report the violation of the Code of Ethics to the Ethics Committee.
3. The Ethics Committee does not disclose the identity of the member who reported the problem to this Association.

Article 6 (Investigation and Deliberation)

1. This Committee initiates an investigation within 30 days and decides within 60 days of the investigation after it receives a report of a case.
2. The chairperson may commission some external experts for advice or review if it is deemed necessary during the deliberation process of the Ethics Committee.
3. Members reported as violations of the Code of Ethics must cooperate with the investigation conducted by the Ethics Committee. Failure to cooperate with this investigation violates the Code of Ethics, and the committee may conclude the refusal to investigate as the basis for determining the violation of the rules.

Article 7 (Vindication and Confidentiality)

1. This Committee guarantees a sufficient opportunity for the members reported for violating ethical regulations to vindicate themselves.
2. The committee members shall not disclose the member's identity under investigation until the final decision regarding violating the Code of ethics has been made.
3. Members who have been reported for violations of the Code of ethics and are subject to an investigation may request that the Ethics Committee inform the procedure and schedule for investigation or deliberation of research misconduct, and the chairperson of the ethics must faithfully comply with this.
4. If the suspicion of research misconduct is determined not to be research misconduct, this member can request the process of the restoration of honor, and the ethics committee shall endeavor to restore the honor.

Article 8 (Regulatory Action and Official Notice)

1. For members who have violated the Code of Ethics, the chairperson determines appropriate sanctions and requests the President to enforce them, and the President immediately notifies the affiliated organization and executes them. If there is a case like an appeal of the violator, the President may request a retrial only once.
2. Members who have violated the research regulations cannot submit articles for three years.
3. Members who request the voluntary withdrawal of a published article in the journal cannot submit an article for three years.
4. Relevant laws and social norms will judge other matters not included in this regulation.

Chapter 4 Supplementary Regulations

Article 9 (Bylaws)

1. Matters not specified in this regulation shall be governed by custom.
2. If a violation of the Code of Ethics is acknowledged, all expenses incurred in submitting and reviewing the thesis will not be refunded.

Article 10 (Enforcement)

1. This regulation shall take effect on January 1, 2018.
2. This regulation shall take effect on May 1, 2022.