

# **Policy on Academic Misconduct**

## **Achievers International Campus**

### **Global Conference for Multidisciplinary Research 2026 (GCMR)**

#### **1. Purpose**

The Global Conference for Multidisciplinary Research 2026 (GCMR) is committed to maintaining high standards of academic integrity, ethical research, originality, and professional conduct. This policy outlines the responsibilities of participants and the procedures for addressing suspected academic misconduct.

The policy applies to authors, co-authors, reviewers, editors, presenters, and other individuals involved in the GCMR 2026 conference and its publications.

#### **2. Responsibilities of Participants**

All participants share responsibility for maintaining academic integrity.

**Authors and Co-authors** are responsible for:

- Ensuring that submitted work is original and accurately represents their research.
- Properly acknowledging and referencing the work of others.
- Ensuring that data, findings, references, and other research information are accurate.
- Declaring relevant conflicts of interest.
- Ensuring that all listed authors have made appropriate contributions.

**Reviewers** are responsible for:

- Conducting reviews objectively, fairly, and confidentially.
- Declaring any conflicts of interest.
- Reporting suspected plagiarism or other forms of academic misconduct.

**Editors and Conference Committee Members** are responsible for:

- Handling submissions and allegations fairly and impartially.
- Maintaining confidentiality.
- Taking appropriate action when academic misconduct is suspected.

### 3. Forms of Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct may include, but is not limited to:

- **Plagiarism:** Using another person's words, ideas, data, images, or work without appropriate acknowledgement.
- **Self-plagiarism:** Reusing substantial portions of previously submitted or published work without appropriate disclosure.
- **Fabrication:** Inventing data, results, references, or other research information.
- **Falsification:** Manipulating or misrepresenting research data, methods, findings, or other information.
- **Authorship misconduct:** Inappropriately adding, removing, or claiming authorship.
- **Citation misconduct:** Deliberately misrepresenting or manipulating references or sources.
- **Peer-review misconduct:** Attempting to improperly influence or manipulate the review process.
- **Research ethics violations:** Conducting research without required ethical approval or consent.
- **Misuse of AI tools:** Using AI or generative AI to fabricate research, data, references, or other academic content, or failing to comply with applicable disclosure requirements.

### 4. Reporting Academic Misconduct

Suspected academic misconduct should be reported to the **GCMR Ethics Committee** at:

**Email:** [gcmr@iaicampus.com](mailto:gcmr@iaicampus.com)

Reports should provide sufficient information and, where possible, supporting evidence. Reports made in good faith will be treated seriously and handled confidentially.

### 5. Investigation Process

The GCMR Ethics Committee will review allegations and determine whether further investigation is required. Where appropriate:

- Relevant evidence and documentation will be reviewed.
- The individual concerned may be asked to provide clarification or a response.
- Appropriate reviewers, experts, or institutional representatives may be consulted.
- All investigations will be conducted fairly, objectively, and confidentially. A person will not be considered responsible for misconduct solely because an allegation has been made.

## 6. Outcomes and Penalties

Where academic misconduct is confirmed, GCMR 2026 may take one or more of the following actions:

- Request corrections or clarification.
- Reject or withdraw the submission.
- Remove the work from the conference programme or proceedings.
- Retract published conference material where necessary.
- Notify the individual's affiliated institution or relevant authority.
- Restrict or prohibit participation in future GCMR conferences.
- Take other appropriate and proportionate action depending on the seriousness of the misconduct.

## 7. Right to Appeal

An individual affected by a misconduct decision may submit a formal appeal to the **GCMR Appeals Committee**.

Appeals should provide:

- New evidence that was not previously available; or
- Evidence of a significant procedural error in the investigation.

The Appeals Committee will review the appeal independently and communicate its decision to the relevant party.

## 8. Preventive Measures

GCMR 2026 will promote academic integrity through:

- Similarity and plagiarism screening of submissions.
- Guidance on academic writing, referencing, and research ethics.
- Guidance on the responsible use of AI and generative AI tools.
- Appropriate training and guidance for reviewers and conference committee members.

A similarity report will be considered alongside academic judgment and will not, by itself, automatically establish plagiarism.

## 9. Commitment to Fairness

GCMR 2026 is committed to ensuring that all allegations and investigations are handled with **fairness, impartiality, confidentiality, and respect for all parties involved**.

The conference reserves the right to take appropriate action to protect the integrity and credibility of GCMR 2026 and its academic proceedings.

**For enquiries or to report academic misconduct:**  
**GCMR 2026 Ethics Committee**  
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**Website:** <https://conference2026.iaicampus.com/>