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DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED RESEARCH
THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE
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GANDHIGRAM, DINDIGUL DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU – 624302

One-Week Online International Faculty Development Programme (FDP)

RESPONSIBLE AI IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH: ETHICS, INTEGRITY AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

(7th to 14th December 2026 | Time : 18:00–19:30 IST)

INTRODUCTION

The One-Week International Virtual Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "**Responsible AI in Academic Research: Ethics, Integrity and Emerging Challenges**" is a collaborative initiative by the Department of Social Work, Loyola College, Chennai, and the Department of Applied Research, School of Health Sciences and Rural Development, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Gandhigram, Dindigul. This programme aims to enhance research excellence and build the capacity of academicians, researchers, and practitioners to adopt responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) practices in academic research. It addresses emerging ethical challenges related to transparency, accountability, data privacy, bias, plagiarism, and academic integrity. Designed for faculty members, research scholars from Social Sciences, Arts, Commerce, and Humanities, NGO directors, independent researchers, and industry participants, the FDP explores ethical AI integration, responsible research methodologies, and the effective use of AI-powered tools. Through expert sessions and interactive virtual learning, participants will develop the skills to critically evaluate AI-generated outputs, uphold academic honesty, ensure research credibility, and navigate the ethical complexities of AI-assisted research. The programme seeks to promote responsible innovation and strengthen research integrity in academic inquiry, teaching, and knowledge dissemination.

OBJECTIVES OF THE FDP

- To create awareness of the ethical principles and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in academic research.
- To promote academic integrity, transparency, accountability, and originality in AI-assisted research and scholarly writing.
- To develop participants' skills in effectively using AI tools for literature reviews, data analysis, and academic writing.
- To examine emerging challenges related to AI, including plagiarism, bias, data privacy, and research credibility.
- To equip faculty members and researchers with strategies for integrating AI responsibly into research, teaching, and knowledge dissemination.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, LOYOLA COLLEGE

The Department of Social Work was established in 1954 by Rev. Fr. Devasia, S.J., originally as the Institute of Social Science. It began offering a Diploma in Social Science in 1957, which continued until 1963. In 1964, the department introduced a two-year post-graduate program in Social Work with three specialisations, later expanding to five. In 1994, it launched the country's first specialization in "Welfare of the Marginalized." The "Human Rights" specialization was added in 2003-2004. The department fosters a spirit of inquiry and professional ethics to promote sustainable development, guided by the Ignatian paradigm of preparing women and men for and with others. Its vision is the formation of social work professionals committed to a just and equitable society. The mission is to train competent, compassionate professionals who understand and respond to vulnerable communities through inclusion, innovation, and collaboration for transformation.

ABOUT GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE (GRI)

Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI), established in 1956 by Dr. G. Ramachandran and Dr. T.S. Soundaram Ramachandran, is inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's Nai Talim philosophy, which blends practical skills with cognitive learning and emphasizes value-based education rooted in indigenous culture. Influenced by the Radhakrishnan Education Commission and global models like Denmark's Folks High School, the US Land-Grant system, and Tagore's Sriniketan Experiment, GRI focuses on rural development. Administered by India's Ministry of Education and funded by the UGC, GRI offers programs in rural development, sciences, engineering, agriculture, and economics. Combining teaching, research, and extension activities, it addresses rural challenges effectively. With 8 schools, 19 departments, and 9 centres serving approximately 4,000 students, GRI attained deemed-to-be university status in 1976. It has received several NAAC accreditations, including five-star status in 2002 and an 'A' grade in its 2010 and 2016 reaccreditations, reflecting its commitment to academic excellence and Gandhian values. The institute is currently accredited by NAAC with the prestigious A++ grade, reaffirming its commitment to quality education and academic excellence.



PROPOSED SESSION TITLES FOR THE FDP

- **Day 1**: Foundation of Responsible AI in Research
- **Day 2**: AI Ethics Frameworks and Ethical Principles for Researchers
- **Day 3**: Authorship, Attribution and Academic Integrity in the age of Gen AI
- **Day 4:** AI Enabled Academic Misconduct: Plagiarism, Fabrication and Ghost-writing
- **Day 5:** Pedagogical Strategies and Institutional Capacity for Teaching Responsible AI use
- **Day 6:** Case Studies in Responsible AI: Successes, Failures, and Lessons from Research
- **Day 7:** Future-Proofing Research Integrity: AI Agents and Emerging Challenges

REGISTRATION FEE



Indian Participants:

- **PG Students / Research Scholars**: INR 500 (*Five hundred rupees only*)
- **NGO Directors/Social Work Practitioners**: INR 750 (*Seven hundred fifty rupees only*)
- **Academicians**: INR 1000 (*One thousand rupees only*)
- **Independent Researchers/Industry Participants**: INR 1250 (*One thousand two hundred fifty rupees only*)

Foreign Participants: INR 2300 (*Approximately 25 USD*)

REGISTRATION LINK

https://erp.loyolacollege.edu/loyolaonline/conference/loginManager/youLogin.jsp

PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE FDP

- The programme is open to Academicians, Research Scholars, NGO Directors/Social Work Practitioners, and Independent Researchers from diverse fields.
- The FDP will be conducted virtually via a designated online platform (details to be shared upon registration).
- Certificate eligibility requires 100% attendance throughout the FDP and submission of feedback forms for all programme days.
- A stable internet connection, a computer/laptop with a webcam, and audio capabilities are mandatory.
- Active participation in discussions, workshops, and Q&A sessions is encouraged.
- Complete the registration process by paying the applicable fee and submitting the required details by the deadline (to be announced).
- Maintain professionalism, respect, and adherence to the programme schedule and guidelines.

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ROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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DAY	DATE	TITLE OF THE SESSION	RESOURCE PERSON
1	07-12-2026	*Foundation of Responsible AI in Research*	**Prof. Zamokuhle Mbandlwa, Ph.D.** *Professor,* *Department of Public Management and Economics,* *Durban University of Technology, South Africa* 
2	08-12-2026	*AI Ethics Frameworks and Ethical Principles for Researchers*	**Prof. Sigamani Panneer, D.Litt.** *Professor & Chairperson* *Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University,* *New Delhi, India* 
3	09-12-2026	*Authorship, Attribution and Academic Integrity in the age of Gen AI*	**Prof. Venkat Rao Pulla** *Fellow, FAASW · MAASW (Accredited)* *Brisbane Institute of Strengths Based Practice* *Australia* 
4	10-12-2026	*AI Enabled Academic Misconduct: Plagiarism, Fabrication and Ghost-writing*	**Prof. Vishanthie Sewpaul (PhD)** *Emeritus Professor* *University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN),* *South Africa* 
5	11-12-2026	*Pedagogical Strategies and Institutional Capacity for Teaching Responsible AI use*	**Prof. Dr. Maran** *Director,* *Sri Sairam Institute of Management Studies,* *Chennai, Tamil Nadu* 
6	12-12-2026	*Case Studies in Responsible AI: Successes, Failures, and Lessons from Research*	**Prof. Dr. Rania Lampou** *STEM Instructor & Researcher,* *Global Academician* *Ministry of Education,* *Religious Affairs and Sports, Greece* *Astronomy & Space Society, Greece* 
7	14-12-2026	*Future-Proofing Research Integrity: AI Agents and Emerging Challenges*	**Dr. Pastor R. Arguelles Jr.** *Director,* *Research and Publication Office,* *University of Batangas,* *Lipa Campus, Philippines* 

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