



ETHICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Report Submission: 30/03/2026

Semester:	EVEN	Academic Year:	2025-26	Venue:	AIGS Seminar Hall
Event Date:	27/03/2026	Time:	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Duration:	2 Hours
TYPE OF EVENT: Workshop					
EVENT NAME: Ethics of Research in Paper Writing and Project Proposal					
Target Audience:	Faculty and PG Students		Number of Participants:	30	

Objectives:

- i) To equip participants with the tools to recognize and avoid common ethical pitfalls such as plagiarism, data fabrication, and unethical authorship practices.
- ii) To provide practical guidance on ensuring transparency and fairness when drafting project proposals.
- iii) To educate attendees on the ethical nuances of the peer-review process, including the responsible use of AI tools.
- iv) To foster an understanding of ethical data management, including participant privacy and the responsible integration of AI in drafting

Program Introduction:

The Ethical Review Committee, Acharya Institute of Graduate Studies, successfully conducted the workshop titled "Ethics of research in paper writing and project proposal" on 27th March 2026. The workshop aims to provide expert guidance on maintaining integrity in scholarly work. Ultimately, the program seeks to foster a culture of ethical review and professional standards among students and faculty members.

Theme of the Event: Building Trust through Transparent Research

Resource Person: Dr. S. Iwin Thanakkumar Joseph



Detailed Report:

The program commenced promptly at 2 PM under the guidance of the Ethical Review Committee, aiming to instil academic integrity in its scholars. The audience comprised students and faculty members eager to enhance their understanding of ethical standards in global research. This initiative reflects the institute's commitment to maintaining high-quality academic outputs and professional responsibility among its academic community. By addressing the nuances of proposal drafting and paper publication, the workshop served as a critical platform for academic development. The atmosphere was one of focused learning as the Master of the Ceremony, Nisarga from III Sem MCA, initiated the formal proceedings.

The inaugural session was marked by traditional solemnity and a clear vision for the ethical future of the institution's research. It began with the Lighting of the Lamp by the gathered dignitaries, symbolizing the enlightenment that comes through honest and ethical inquiry. Following this, **Dr. Bhargava**, Associate Professor and Member of the Ethical Review Committee at AIGS, delivered a warm and insightful Welcome Address. The Presidential Address was then delivered by **Dr. Gurunath Rao Vaidya**, the Principal of AIGS, who emphasized the importance of a clean research record. His speech highlighted how ethical lapses can impact the reputation of both the individual researcher and the university at large. He encouraged the participants to utilize the session to refine their methodologies and adhere to international ethical guidelines. This segment concluded with the introduction of the guest speaker by Karthik, a student from the III Sem MCA department.

The core of the event was the Technical Session led by the distinguished resource person, **Dr. Iwin Thanakumar Joseph**. As a Professor from the School of Computer Science and Engineering at Alliance University, Bengaluru, he brought a wealth of technical and ethical expertise to the forum. His presentation delved deep into the complexities of plagiarism, data fabrication, and the legalities of project proposal submissions. He provided practical examples of how to cite sources correctly and how to structure a project proposal to meet ethical committee standards. The session was highly interactive, allowing students to see the real-world implications of unethical research practices in the modern digital age. Dr. Joseph stressed that original thinking and transparent data reporting are the hallmarks of a successful academic career. Participants were encouraged to ask questions, leading to a vibrant Q&A session where specific concerns regarding authorship and copyright were addressed.



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The resource person delivered a comprehensive session focusing on the ethical integration of AI tools in academic writing and project development. He emphasized that while AI can streamline the research process, it must be used as a collaborative aid rather than a substitute for original thought. During the demonstration, he highlighted NotebookLM for its ability to synthesize complex source material and generate grounded insights while maintaining strict citation accuracy. He also showcased Research Rabbit as a powerful tool for visual literature mapping, helping researchers discover relevant connections without overlooking foundational studies. The session covered the practical use of these tools for drafting project proposals and organizing literature reviews while adhering to institutional integrity standards. He specifically cautioned against "black-box" AI usage, advocating for transparency in how these models assist in the writing workflow.

Furthermore, he demonstrated how AI can help refine language and structure in manuscripts to meet the high standards of top-tier journals. Participants learned to utilize AI for brainstorming and data organization while keeping the ethical responsibility of the content firmly with the human author. The presentation concluded with a roadmap for navigating the evolving landscape of AI-assisted research without compromising scholarly honesty.

The concluding phase of the workshop focused on synthesizing the day's lessons and expressing gratitude to the contributors. During the Q&A session, participants engaged directly with Dr. Joseph, seeking clarity on the ethical challenges unique to computing and graduate research. This interaction proved invaluable for the students, many of whom are currently navigating the complexities of their own project proposals.

Following the discussion, **Dr. Balamurugan M**, the Coordinator of the Ethical Review Committee at AIGS, delivered the formal Vote of Thanks. He expressed sincere appreciation to the resource person for his time and to the college administration for supporting such a vital educational initiative. He also thanked the organizing team and the attendees for their active participation and disciplined conduct throughout the afternoon. The workshop ended on a high note, leaving the participants with a renewed sense of responsibility toward their academic and professional writing endeavours.



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Photos:



Welcome Address by Dr. Bhargava, ERC Member, AIGS



Lighting Lamp by Dr. Gurunath Rao Vaidya, Principal, AIGS



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Presidential Address by Principal



Session led by Resource Person Dr Irwin



Vote of Thanks by Dr. Balamurugan M, ERC Coordinator

Outcomes:

Foremost, participants gained a profound understanding of the ethical landscape governing modern research, specifically regarding the prevention of plagiarism and data manipulation during the technical session led by Dr Iwin Thanakumar Joseph. By engaging with a Professor from the School of Advanced Computing, students and faculty were able to bridge the gap between theoretical ethical frameworks and practical application in technical writing. The workshop effectively clarified the rigorous standards required by Ethical Review Committees when evaluating project proposals, ensuring that future submissions from the institute are of a higher professional caliber. Furthermore, the interactive Q&A session empowered attendees to resolve specific dilemmas related to authorship, copyright, and the responsible use of AI in scholarly work.

Dr. Joseph's session provided a comprehensive overview of the legal ramifications of intellectual property theft, which is a critical concern in the digital age of computer science research. Furthermore, the event emphasized the importance of aligning local research efforts with the global standards.



The technical discussions provided a clear distinction between collaborative research and unauthorized data sharing, helping students navigate the complexities of joint paper writing. Ultimately, the workshop acted as a catalyst for a departmental shift toward more transparent and rigorous documentation practices in all future project submissions. It concluded by establishing a benchmark for future seminars, ensuring that the ethics of research remains a recurring theme in the postgraduate curriculum.

Feedback

The workshop taught me new and useful information

30 responses



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Clarity of the Resource Person

30 responses



I feel confident that I can apply the skills I learned in the workshop to my research works

30 responses



Overall organization of the workshop

30 responses

