

## RESEARCH ETHICS

VISTAS, by its principle, adheres to the highest ethics in all the activities associated with the Research. It also strictly follows the guidelines issued by the UGC with respect to the quality mandates and to match the global scenario. VISTAS ensure every step to alert, educate and monitor the highest level of ethics in conceiving, conducting, protecting and disseminating the research among the faculty and scholars. To implement the above, VISTAS had constituted various committees to facilitate research with strict adherence to the ethical guidelines.

### Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Research Advisory Committee monitors the research activities of individuals and research groups of VISTAS are following the stipulated guidelines issued from time to time by UGC and other statutory bodies governing VISTAS. The following are the basic functions of the RAC:

- To review the ideas and concepts developed by the faculty members to perform research and assess the quality bases on the expected outcomes and social impact.
- To facilitate highest possible ethics in research, academic integrity and publication among the members of VISTAS.
- To encourage research publications in peer reviewed journals with higher impact that would help to achieve global reach.
- To devise effective mechanisms to check plagiarism and monitor the level.
- To support the faculty members and researchers of VISTAS for identification of good quality journals and to prevent them from publishing in predatory/ dubious / sub-standard journals.

S.No	Name of the Member	Designation
1	Dr. S.Arun	Director, IQAC, VISTAS
2	Dr.E.N.Ganesh	Dean, School of Engineering, VISTAS
3	Dr.RA.Kalaivani	Director, School of Basic Sciences, VISTAS
4	Dr. S.Ambika Kumari	Director, School of Law, VISTAS
5	Dr.P.Shanmugasundaram	Director, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS

## **Institutional Animals Ethics Committee (IAEC)**

Research and experimentation on animals are covered by provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA), 1960 (amended in 1982) and Rules of Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control & Supervision) 1998 (amended in 2001 and 2006) framed under the PCA, 1960. Government has constituted a Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) under the provision of Section 15 of PCA Act 1960.

Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) of VISTAS is a local body, approved by CPCSEA, which has been empowered to permit experiments on small animals through an amendment in Rules for Breeding and Experiments on Animals (Control and Supervision) in year 2006. VISTAS possess a well-established Animal House registered with CPCSEA. VISTAS adhere scrupulously to the guidelines provided by the CPCSEA

The main functions of Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) of VISTAS are as prescribed in “Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control and Supervision) Rules,1998”: Specifically, the committee confirms the quality and consistency of research proposals submitted by the eligible researchers and prevents infliction of unnecessary pain & sufferings before, during and after experiments on animals, by following the guidelines provided by CPCSEA.

**IAEC of VISTAS includes members as indicated below:**

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<b>S.N o.</b>	<b>Name of IAEC Members</b>	<b>Designation in IAEC</b>
1	Dr. P. Shanmugasundaram	Biological Scientist, Chairperson
2	Dr. Binoy Varghese Cheriyan	Scientist In-charge of Animal House Facility, Member Secretary
3	Dr. S. Sathesh Kumar	Scientist from different discipline
4	Dr. A. K. Kathireshan	Scientist from different discipline
5	Dr. Ruchika Lakshmanan	Veterinarian
6	Dr. A. Gopinathan	Main Nominee
7	Dr. D. Sivaraman	Link Nominee
8	Dr. R. Ananda Raja	Scientist from outside the Institute
9	Dr. P. K. Sarangi	Socially Aware Nominee

## **Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC)**

The Institutional ethics committee (IEC) of Vels Institute of Science Technology and Advanced Studies, ensures quality and technical excellence and consistent ethical review of all the submitted health and biomedical research proposals and ongoing approved research studies involving human participants in accordance with the ICMR ethical guidelines for biomedical research on human subjects.

The VISTAS SPS-IEC will review all types of research proposals involving human participants with a view to safeguard the dignity, rights, safety and wellbeing of all actual and potential research participants before approving the research proposals. The goals of research, however important, should never be permitted to override the health and wellbeing of the human participants.

The following are the members of VISTAS-SPS-IEC:

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Name of member</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Role/ Designation in Ethics Committee</b>
1	Dr. J. Anbu	Ph.D Pharmacology	Chairperson
2	Dr. M. Vijey Aanandhi	M.Pharm, Ph.D	Member Secretary
3	Dr. V. Mohan Ram	MBBS, DA	Clinician
4	Dr. T.N. Uma Maheswari	MDS, Ph.D	Clinician
5	Dr. R. Geetha	MD (Pharmacology)	Medical Scientist
6	Mr. S. Ashok Kumar	MA, ML	Legal Expert
7	Mrs. R.Uma Maheswari	Higher Secondary	Lay Person
8	Dr. M. Thamilarasan	MA, M.Phil, Ph.D (Sociology)	Social Scientist
9	Rev. David Gnana Prakasam	BA, BD	Social Scientist
10	Dr. S. Sathesh Kumar	M.Pharm, Ph.D	Scientific Member
11	Dr. R. Sangeetha	M.Sc., Ph.D	Scientific Member
12	Prof. M. Sekar Babu	M.Pharm	Scientific Member
13	Dr. V. Santhosh Kumar	M.Pharm, Ph.D	Scientific Member
14	Mrs. M. Thilagam	Diploma in Nursing	Scientific Member
15	Dr. D. Praveen	Pharm.D, PhD	Scientific Member