AUTHORSHIP ETHICS		
Authorship Ethics Principle	Description	Best Practices
Criteria for Authorship	Authorship should be limited to those who have made significant contributions to the research process.	Define authorship criteria early and adhere to established guidelines.
Avoiding Ghost and Gift Authorship	Only individuals who have contributed meaningfully should be listed as authors, avoiding 'gift authorship' or omitting contributors.	Avoid including non-contributors as authors and acknowledge deserving contributors.
Clear Communication on Authorship Roles	Transparency in determining authorship roles prevents disputes and misunderstandings.	Discuss and document authorship order and roles early in the process.
Acknowledging Supervisors and Scholars	Both supervisors and scholars should receive fair recognition for their contributions.	Recognize primary authorship when scholars lead the research and acknowledge supervisory guidance.
Addressing Disputes	Disputes over authorship should be resolved amicably and ethically, prioritizing fairness.	Use institutional guidelines or mediation to resolve disagreements.
Ethical Use of Shared Resources	Intellectual contributions must not be exploited or appropriated without consent.	Supervisors should never use scholars' data or results without acknowledgment.
Handling Multi-Authored Publications	Contributions in collaborative projects must be clearly delineated to ensure accountability.	Specify each author's role clearly and maintain open communication.
Ethical Responsibilities for Manuscripts	Authors bear joint responsibility for the integrity of the work and must approve the final manuscript.	Ensure all authors review and approve the manuscript before submission.
Plagiarism and Intellectual Property	Plagiarism undermines academic integrity and authorship ethics.	Educate on plagiarism policies and protect intellectual property of all contributors.
Mentoring Ethical Practices	Supervisors have a responsibility to instill ethical authorship practices in their scholars.	Provide guidance on ethical writing and emphasize honesty, transparency, and fairness.

