

Guidelines for the Prevention of Misconduct in Paper Submissions

Japan Society for Educational Skills

Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award Selection Committee

1. Purpose

The purpose of these Guidelines is to prevent in paper and to ensure the reliability and academic integrity of both the Journal of the Japan Society for Educational Skills (hereinafter referred to as “the Journal”) and the Mukoyama Yoichi Education Award (hereinafter referred to as “the Award”).

2. Misconduct in Paper Submissions

For submissions to the Journal and the Award, misconduct is defined as fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, and duplicate submission. In addition, the following practices shall be regarded as undesirable conduct: salami (fragmented) publication and submission with inappropriate authorship.

3. Definitions of Misconduct

(1) Fabrication

The creation of data, research results, or other content that does not exist, and the use of such fabricated material in papers or other submissions.

(2) Falsification

The manipulation of research materials, equipment, or processes in a manner that alters data or research results and compromises their authenticity, and the use of such altered data or results in papers or other submissions.

(3) Plagiarism

The use of another researcher’s ideas, analytical methods, data, research results, papers, or terminology without that proper attribution or acknowledgment.

(4) Duplicate Submission

The submission of a paper that is substantially identical to one that has already been published or is currently under review by another academic journal, whether in print or electronic form.

Cases of duplicate submission include, but are not limited to, the following

- (i) Submitting to another academic journal a paper that is similar to one submitted to the Journal or the Award.
- (ii) Submitting to Journal or the Award a paper that does not clearly indicate differs from a previously published or concurrently submitted paper.
- (iii) Submitting to the Journal or the Award a paper translated into another language from one already published, with the same first author or co-authors.

The following submissions shall not be regarded as duplicate submission: papers based on undergraduate, master's, or doctoral theses; KAKENHI (Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research) reports; project reports; or abstracts presented at academic conferences or research meetings.

4. Undesirable Conduct

(1) Salami Publication (Fragmented Submission)

The division of research that should be reported in a single paper into multiple smaller papers.

(2) Inappropriate Authorship

Including as an author a person who does not meet authorship criteria or intentionally excluding a person who does meet such criteria.

5. Supplementary Provision

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