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Ensuring Research Integrity in the Era of A.I.: An Analysis of the Ethical Implications and Best Practices in Utilizing A.I. Tools for Research

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Keywords: *Research Integrity, Artificial Intelligence Tools, Implications, Best Practices.*

INTRODUCTION

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Statement of the Problem

1. How many faculty and graduate school students utilized A.I. tools in their research?
2. How was the utilization of A.I. tools described in terms of:
   2.1 Algorithmic transparency and explainability;
   2.2 Fairness and bias mitigation;
   2.3 Privacy protection and informed consent;
   2.4 Human oversight and decision-making;
   2.5 Security measures and data integrity?
3. What ethical considerations did researchers prioritize when utilizing A.I. tools?
4. How did research institutions and regulatory bodies effectively adapt ethical guidelines to address the unique challenges posed by A.I.-driven research?
5. What are the key implications and recommended best practices derived from the findings of the study on ensuring research integrity in the era of A.I?

METHODOLOGY

The sequential explanatory research design was used for the study, this design follows a two-phase approach, beginning with quantitative data collection and analysis, followed by qualitative exploration to provide deeper insights. In this study, the first phase involves surveying faculty and

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graduate students to gather statistical data on their utilization of AI tools, ethical concerns, and best research practices. The second phase consists of in-depth interviews or focus group discussions, allowing researchers to interpret the survey findings more comprehensively by exploring participants' perspectives, experiences, and ethical dilemmas in AI-driven research

Sample and Sampling Design

The respondents of the study were 22 faculty and 18 graduate school students at the National University Philippines Baliwag campus during the academic year 2023-2024, serving as an important component of this research. These conversations were structured to elicit in-depth insights into firsthand experiences, perceptions, and ethical considerations related to integrating A.I. tools in research. Open-ended and semi-structured interviews encouraged participants to share their views on the challenges and opportunities A.I. presented in their academic work. The discussions explored ethical dilemmas, strategies to ensure integrity, and recommendations for best practices in A.I.-driven research.

The sampling method for this research adopted a purposive sampling strategy to ensure representation from faculty and graduate school students. Given the specific focus on the National University Philippines during the 2023-2024 academic year, the researchers selected participants based on their expertise in A.I.-related research or their active involvement in graduate-level studies. Faculty members with experience integrating A.I. tools into their research and graduate students engaged in research projects involving A.I. were identified and invited to participate.

Research Instrument

The study involved the development of a self-constructive instrument. This instrument was meticulously designed to allow researchers to engage in reflective and introspective evaluations of their ethical considerations and practices when utilizing artificial intelligence (A.I.) tools in their research endeavors. The self-constructive nature of the instrument encouraged researchers to critically examine their decision-making processes, ethical frameworks, and adherence to best practices, thereby

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fostering a proactive approach to addressing ethical implications associated with A.I. utilization in research.

Following the instrument's construction, its validation became paramount, and a panel of experts in both research ethics and A.I. applications was enlisted for this purpose. The expert panel rigorously assessed the instrument's clarity, relevance, and effectiveness in capturing the nuances of ethical considerations in A.I.-infused research. Their collective expertise ensured that the instrument was robust and aligned with contemporary ethical standards, thereby enhancing its utility as a valuable tool for researchers navigating the complex ethical landscape of AI-driven investigations.

To enhance the reliability and effectiveness of the research instrument, a pilot test was conducted with 30 respondents. This process aimed to assess the instrument's clarity, usability, and ability to capture meaningful insights from participants. Based on the feedback received, necessary refinements were made to ensure the instrument was well-calibrated before its full-scale implementation. The validation process resulted in a Cronbach's alpha of 0.9, indicating a high level of reliability. This rigorous approach not only reinforced the robustness of the research instrument but also strengthened the overall integrity of the study.

DISCUSSION

Faculty And Graduate School Students Utilized A.I. Tools In Their Research

Recent studies have highlighted the increasing utilization of A.I. tools in academic research by faculty and graduate school students both locally and internationally. For instance, a study by Smith and Johnson (2021) explored how A.I. tools were integrated into research practices by faculty members in the United States, emphasizing the benefits in data analysis and decision-making processes. Locally, in the Philippines, a study by Reyes and Cruz (2022) examined the adoption of machine learning algorithms by graduate students for data collection and analysis in social sciences, noting the positive impact on research efficiency and accuracy.

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Table 1. Utilized AI tools Among Selected Faculty and Selected Graduate School Students

A.I. Tool	Number of Respondents	Percentage (%)
Google Scholar	40	100.0%
DeepCode	40	100.0%
ChatGPT	28	93.3%
GitHub Copilot	22	73.3%
QuillBot	12	40.0%
Codex OpenAI	11	36.7%
Google Vision AI	11	36.7%
Tableau	8	26.7%
Power BI	6	20.0%
TensorFlow & PyTorch	6	20.0%
OpenAI Gym	5	16.7%
MATLAB	2	6.7%

Table 1 presents the distribution of AI tools utilized by the respondents in their research, highlighting their prevalence and adoption rates. Google Scholar and DeepCode were the most widely used tools, with 100% of respondents relying on them for research and coding analysis. ChatGPT followed closely, with 93.3% of respondents utilizing it for AI-generated content and assistance. GitHub Copilot was also frequently used (73.3%), indicating its significance in code generation and software

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development. Other AI tools such as QuillBot (40%), Codex OpenAI (36.7%), and Google Vision AI (36.7%) had moderate adoption, primarily for text paraphrasing and image analysis. Meanwhile, Tableau (26.7%) and Power BI (20%) were utilized for data visualization, whereas TensorFlow, PyTorch (20%), and OpenAI Gym (16.7%) were employed for machine learning and reinforcement learning tasks. Moreover, MATLAB (6.7%) had the lowest usage, indicating a limited reliance on it compared to other AI-driven tools. These findings suggest that researchers prioritize AI tools that enhance literature review, coding efficiency, and content generation while relying less on specialized AI frameworks.

Table 2. Utilization of AI Tools in terms of Algorithmic Transparency and Explainability

Statements	Mean	Interpretation
1. I ensure that the AI tools I use in my research provide clear explanations of their decision-making processes.	3.53	Strongly Agree
2. I believe transparency in AI algorithms enhances the credibility and reliability of my research findings.	3.57	Strongly Agree
3. I make an effort to access and review detailed documentation on how AI systems process data in my research.	3.60	Strongly Agree
4. I prioritize using AI models that offer interpretability to maintain academic integrity in my study.	3.80	Strongly Agree
5. I support the use of open-access AI models to enhance transparency and reproducibility in research.	3.40	Agree
Average Mean	**3.58**	**Strongly Agree**

Table 2 presents the utilization of AI tools in terms of algorithmic transparency and explainability among faculty and graduate school students. The overall average mean of 3.58 falls within the "Strongly Agree" interpretation, indicating that respondents highly value the transparency and interpretability of AI tools in their research. Notably, the highest-rated statement (Mean = 3.80) emphasizes the prioritization of interpretable AI models to maintain academic integrity. Moreover, respondents strongly

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agree that AI transparency enhances research credibility (Mean = 3.57) and that reviewing AI documentation is essential (Mean = 3.60). While all statements reflect a strong commitment to transparency, the lowest mean score (3.40) suggests that although there is agreement on supporting open-access AI models, it is slightly less prioritized than other factors. This finding aligns with Dela Cruz et al. (2022), who emphasized that AI transparency and explainability are critical for academic research integrity in the Philippines, as they ensure ethical considerations and reproducibility. Their study highlighted that researchers who engage with well-documented AI tools produce more credible and replicable results, reinforcing the significance of algorithmic transparency in scholarly work.

Table 3. Utilization of AI Tools in terms of fairness and Bias Mitigation

Statements	**Mean**	**Interpretation**
1. I regularly assess the AI systems I use in my research for potential biases.	3.80	Strongly Agree
2. I ensure that my research data are diverse and representative to minimize AI bias.	3.93	Strongly Agree
3. I incorporate fairness-aware AI models to improve the ethical integrity of my research findings.	4.00	Strongly Agree
4. I take steps to prevent AI tools from reinforcing discrimination against underrepresented groups in my research.	3.73	Strongly Agree
5. I continuously educate myself on methods to recognize and mitigate bias in AI-driven data analysis.	3.87	Strongly Agree
Average Mean	**3.87**	Strongly Agree

Table 3 highlights the utilization of AI tools in terms of fairness and bias mitigation among faculty and graduate school students. The overall average mean of 3.87 falls under "Strongly Agree," indicating that respondents are highly committed to ensuring fairness and mitigating bias in AI-driven research. The highest-rated statement (Mean = 4.00) reflects strong agreement on incorporating fairness-aware AI models to enhance ethical integrity in research. Moreover, ensuring diverse and representative

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data (Mean = 3.93) and continuous education on bias mitigation (Mean = 3.87) were also highly rated, showing that researchers actively engage in practices to minimize AI bias. The slightly lower mean (3.73) for preventing AI from reinforcing discrimination suggests that while there is a strong awareness, more structured interventions may be needed. These findings align with Reyes and Santos (2023), who emphasized that addressing AI bias in Philippine academic research is essential to uphold ethical standards and ensure inclusivity. Their study found that researchers who actively assess AI fairness and use diverse data produce more reliable and equitable findings, reinforcing the need for fairness-aware AI practices in scholarly work.

Table 4. Utilization of AI Tools in terms of Privacy Protection and Informed Consent

Statements	Mean	Interpretation
1. I always obtain informed consent before collecting personal data for my AI-driven research.	3.87	Strongly Agree
2. I implement strong privacy protection measures to safeguard sensitive data in my study.	4.00	Strongly Agree
3. I use anonymization techniques to protect the identities of participants in my research.	4.00	Strongly Agree
4. I provide clear information to participants regarding data collection, storage, and usage in my study.	3.83	Strongly Agree
5. I strictly adhere to data protection laws and ethical guidelines when handling research data.	4.00	Strongly Agree
Average Mean	3.94	Strongly Agree

Table 4 presents the utilization of AI tools in terms of privacy protection and informed consent among faculty and graduate school students. The average mean of 3.94, categorized under "Strongly Agree," indicates that respondents are highly committed to ethical research practices, particularly in data privacy and informed consent. The highest-rated statements (Mean = 4.00) emphasize the implementation of strong

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privacy measures, anonymization techniques, and adherence to data protection laws, highlighting researchers' dedication to safeguarding sensitive information. Meanwhile, ensuring clear communication with participants regarding data collection and storage (Mean = 3.83) received a slightly lower, but still strong, agreement. These findings align with the study by De Guzman and Ramos (2022), which stressed the importance of strict adherence to the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173) in Philippine academic research. Their research found that scholars who prioritize privacy protection and informed consent enhance both the credibility of their work and the trust of their research participants, reinforcing the necessity of ethical compliance in AI-driven research.

Table 5. Utilization of AI Tools in terms of Human Oversight and Decision - Making

Statements	Mean	Interpretation
1. I use AI as a tool to support, rather than replace, my decision-making in research.	4.00	Strongly Agree
2. I critically evaluate AI-generated insights before incorporating them into my study.	3.43	Agree
3. I ensure that my research findings, even when AI-assisted, undergo thorough human verification.	3.63	Strongly Agree
4. I recognize the importance of human oversight in ensuring the ethical application of AI in research.	3.73	Strongly Agree
5. I collaborate with AI experts and subject matter specialists to enhance the credibility of my research.	3.37	Agree
Average Mean	3.63	Strongly Agree

Table 5 highlights the utilization of AI tools in terms of human oversight and decision-making among faculty and graduate school students. The average mean of 3.63, interpreted as "Strongly Agree," suggests that respondents acknowledge the critical role of human supervision in AI-assisted research. The highest-rated statement (Mean = 4.00) indicates that researchers primarily use AI as a supportive tool rather than a replacement

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for decision-making. Moreover, the importance of verifying AI-generated insights (Mean = 3.63) and ensuring ethical oversight (Mean = 3.73) was strongly affirmed. However, collaboration with AI experts and specialists (Mean = 3.37) received the lowest agreement, implying that while researchers value human intervention, direct engagement with AI professionals may still be limited. These findings are consistent with the study by Santos and Villanueva (2023), which emphasized that Philippine researchers recognize AI's potential but stress the necessity of human validation to maintain research integrity. Their study found that integrating AI responsibly requires a balance between automation and critical human judgment, ensuring that ethical considerations and contextual nuances are properly addressed in AI-assisted academic work.

Table 6. Utilization of AI Tools in terms of Security Measures and Data Integrity

Statements	**Mean**	**Interpretation**
1. I implement cybersecurity measures to protect the integrity of AI-generated data in my research.	3.83	Strongly Agree
2. I conduct regular security checks to ensure the accuracy and reliability of my AI-driven findings.	3.80	Strongly Agree
3. I enforce strict access control to prevent unauthorized use of my research data.	3.90	Strongly Agree
4. I explore advanced techniques, such as blockchain and encryption, to maintain the integrity of my research data.	3.60	Strongly Agree
5. I adhere to institutional and ethical policies to prevent data manipulation and ensure the credibility of my study.	3.63	Strongly Agree
Average Mean	**3.75**	Strongly Agree

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Table 6 presents the utilization of AI tools in terms of security measures and data integrity among faculty and graduate school students. The average mean of 3.75, interpreted as "Strongly Agree," indicates that respondents prioritize cybersecurity and data protection in AI-assisted research. The highest-rated statement (Mean = 3.90) highlights the enforcement of strict access controls to prevent unauthorized use of research data. Moreover, implementing cybersecurity measures (Mean = 3.83) and conducting regular security checks (Mean = 3.80) were also strongly emphasized. While the use of advanced security techniques such as blockchain and encryption (Mean = 3.60) received slightly lower agreement, it still reflects a strong commitment to maintaining data integrity. These findings align with the study by Reyes and Dela Cruz (2022), which emphasized that Philippine researchers are increasingly adopting cybersecurity measures and ethical data management practices to protect AI-generated research data. Their study highlighted the need for continuous updates in institutional policies to **address emerging security threats** in AI-driven academic research, ensuring the reliability and ethical integrity of research outputs.

Table 7 Codes, Categories, And Themes Based on The Respondents Responses

Code	Category	Theme
Ethical Responsibility	Transparency, Accountability	Ethical Responsibility
Bias in AI Models	Bias Mitigation, Data Accuracy	Bias Mitigation
Informed Consent	Privacy Protection, Data Use	Informed Consent and Privacy Protection
Human Oversight	Decision-Making, AI Tools	Human Oversight and Ethical Decision-Making
Institutional Support	Ethical Guidelines, Institutional Collaboration	Institutional Support and Ethical Guidelines

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Code	Category	Theme
Data Integrity	Accuracy, Reliability	Ethical Responsibility
Algorithmic Accountability	Transparency, Algorithmic Transparency	Transparency and Accountability
Privacy Protection	Data Safeguarding, Security Measures	Privacy Protection and Security Measures

Table 7 presents the codes, categories, and themes derived from the respondents' responses, highlighting key ethical considerations in utilizing AI tools for research. The theme of Ethical Responsibility emerged from the categories of transparency and accountability, emphasizing researchers' commitment to responsible AI usage. Bias Mitigation was identified as a crucial aspect, with respondents acknowledging the need for data accuracy and addressing biases in AI models. Informed Consent and Privacy Protection were also prioritized, ensuring proper data use and safeguarding participants' privacy. Human Oversight and Ethical Decision-Making emphasized the importance of human involvement in validating AI-generated outputs. Furthermore, Institutional Support and Ethical Guidelines underscored the role of academic institutions in providing clear policies on AI ethics. Transparency and Accountability were highlighted through algorithmic accountability, ensuring researchers understand AI processes. Lastly, Privacy Protection and Security Measures reflected the need for strong data safeguarding practices to maintain research integrity.

Research Guide Question 1:

What are the primary ethical concerns you consider when integrating AI tools into your research, and how do you ensure these concerns are addressed throughout the research process?

I001 (Code: Ethical Responsibility, Transparency) "My main concern is ensuring the transparency of the AI algorithms I

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use in my research. It's crucial that the AI tools provide clear explanations of how they arrive at conclusions, especially when the findings are used in publishing. To address this, I make sure to document the processes and I always double-check how the data is processed before accepting the results. This allows me to avoid any unforeseen biases and ensures the integrity of the results."

I002 (Code: Bias Mitigation, Data Integrity) "Bias in AI tools is my primary ethical concern. I make sure to check the data I'm using to train AI models to ensure they are diverse and representative. This helps minimize biases that could impact the findings. Furthermore, I also emphasize regular checks for data integrity. I follow the ethical guideline that the AI tools should not only be accurate but also fair in how they process data."

I003 (Code: Informed Consent, Privacy Protection) "Whenever I use AI tools in research, I prioritize the privacy and confidentiality of participant data. Before collecting any data, I make sure to obtain informed consent, clearly explaining how AI tools will be used and how participants' data will be handled. I also make sure to anonymize any sensitive data used in my research."

I004 (Code: Transparency, Accountability) "AI systems often work as black boxes, and that's something I keep in mind. I ensure transparency by carefully reviewing the documentation provided by AI tool developers. This also makes me accountable for any mistakes or inaccuracies in my research."

I005 (Code: Human Oversight, Ethical Framework)"I never allow AI tools to replace my decision-making. I rely on them as a support system to assist with data analysis. I always ensure a human is involved in verifying the outcomes, which helps maintain the ethical framework I've set for the study."

Research Guide Question 2:
Can you share an example of a challenge you faced related to the ethical use of AI in your research, and how you resolved it to maintain ethical integrity?

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I006 (Code: Bias in AI Models, Data Accuracy) "In one of my research projects, I encountered an AI tool that was performing well but was also inadvertently amplifying biases in the data. The AI models were not accurately identifying patterns in underrepresented groups, which affected the study's credibility. To address this, I had to recalibrate the models using more balanced data and perform multiple bias checks. It was a lot of work, but it was essential to maintain the integrity of the research."

I007 (Code: Informed Consent, Data Use) "I once used an AI tool that processed sensitive personal data without a clear enough explanation to the participants. After realizing this, I halted the project until I could communicate better with the participants and update the consent forms to clearly specify the use of AI in the research. This step was essential to ensure the participants' autonomy was respected."

I008 (Code: Transparency, Algorithmic Accountability) "During a project where I was using AI for data pattern analysis, I found that the algorithm was giving inconsistent explanations for its predictions. This led me to question the reliability of the tool. I went back to the drawing board, revisited the algorithm's framework, and worked closely with the developers to ensure that I could explain the outcomes to my audience transparently. This process made me more accountable for the research outcomes."

I009 (Code: Privacy Protection, Security Measures) "Handling sensitive data while using AI tools posed privacy concerns for me. I initially used an AI tool without fully understanding its data protection measures. Upon learning more, I ensured that I implemented stronger security practices such as data encryption and anonymization. I also obtained more thorough informed consent from participants to maintain privacy."

I010 (Code: Ethical Guidelines, Institutional Support) "At one point, I faced the challenge of aligning my research practices with ethical guidelines for AI use. There was some ambiguity around

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the ethical standards for AI-driven research at the time. I sought guidance from the institution's ethics committee, and they helped me design a more robust framework that addressed AI's ethical use. This collaboration was key in overcoming the challenge and ensuring the ethical integrity of the research."

Research Guide Question

How have research institutions and regulatory bodies effectively adapted ethical guidelines to address the unique challenges posed by AI-driven research?

"Research institutions have revised their ethical guidelines to incorporate AI-specific concerns, such as bias mitigation and transparency. In our university, newly implemented policies highlight the importance of accountability in AI tool usage, requiring researchers to document how AI systems are trained and utilized in their studies. Moreover, an ethics review process has been made mandatory for AI-assisted research projects. To further promote ethical awareness and compliance, institutions have also introduced workshops on responsible AI practices. Towards the end of the academic year 2023, the university established an additional office, the Research Ethics Office, to strengthen oversight and ensure adherence to ethical standards in research."

Implications And Recommended Best Practices

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	Objective	Key Implications	Recommended Best Practices	Person/s Involved	Budget
6.	Ensure transparency in AI-assisted research	Lack of algorithmic explainability can impact credibility	Use AI models with clear documentation and interpretability	RDO Office, Ethics Committee, Researchers	University Budget (Possible funding for AI tool licensing and training)
7.	Mitigate bias in AI-generated research findings	AI systems may reinforce societal biases if data is unbalanced	Regular audits of AI algorithms and diverse training datasets	RDO Office, Ethics Committee, Researchers	University Budget Budget for bias assessment tools and diversity training
8.	Strengthen privacy and data protection measures	Risks of data leaks and unauthorized use of sensitive research data	Implement anonymization, encryption, and strict data access controls	RDO Office, Ethics Committee, IT Practitioners	University Budget Costs for cybersecurity measures and compliance audits
9.	Maintain human oversight in AI-driven research	Over-reliance on AI can reduce accountability in decision-making	Require human validation of AI-generated insights before publication	Researchers, Ethics Committee, Academic and Executive Directors	University Budget Minimal budget impact
10.	Establish ethical guidelines for AI integration in research	Existing guidelines may be outdated or inconsistent across institutions	Develop standardized policies and mandatory AI ethics training programs	RDO Office, Ethics Committee, Academic and	University Budget Funding for policy development

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Objective	Key Implications	Recommended Best Practices	Person/s Involved	Budget
			Executive Directors	and training materials
11. Prevent plagiarism and data fabrication using AI	Generative AI can facilitate unethical research practices if misused	Encourage responsible AI use, with strict citation policies for AI-generated content	RDO Office, Researchers, Ethics Committee	University Budget Possible investment in AI detection tools
12. Enhance institutional support for ethical AI research	Research ethics offices may lack expertise in AI-related concerns	Create specialized AI ethics committees within institutions	RDO Office, Ethics Committee, Academic and Executive Directors	University Budget Budget for hiring AI ethics specialists and conducting workshops

CONCLUSIONS

In light of the findings, this study underscores the critical need for ethical considerations in the integration of AI tools in research. The following conclusions highlight the key takeaways from the study:

1. The increasing reliance on AI tools in research presents both opportunities and challenges, necessitating stringent ethical considerations to uphold research integrity.
2. Transparency and algorithmic accountability are critical in ensuring that AI-generated research findings remain credible and replicable.
3. Privacy protection measures, including informed consent and data anonymization, are essential to maintaining ethical AI research practices.

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4. Human oversight remains indispensable in AI-assisted research, reinforcing the need for careful validation of AI-generated outputs.
5. Institutional support, in the form of AI ethics training, policy development, and interdepartmental collaboration, is crucial in fostering responsible and ethical AI research practices.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings and conclusions of this study, the following recommendations are presented:

1. That the researchers and institutions should prioritize AI tools with clear documentation and interpretability to enhance research credibility. Regular audits of AI models should be conducted to ensure transparency and mitigate potential biases.

2. AI-driven research must adhere strictly to data protection laws and ethical guidelines to ensure participant confidentiality. Institutions should provide training on data anonymization techniques and enforce encryption standards to safeguard sensitive data.

3. AI should be used as a support tool rather than a replacement for human decision-making in research. Institutions should mandate human validation of AI-generated insights before integrating them into research findings.

4. That the research institutions should establish clear policies and mandatory ethics training programs for AI integration in research. The creation of specialized AI ethics committees within universities can help oversee AI research practices and compliance with ethical standards.

5. That the universities should invest in AI ethics specialists and conduct workshops to raise awareness about responsible AI usage. Collaborations between researchers, IT practitioners, and ethics committees should be encouraged to develop best practices and address emerging AI-related challenges.

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