

## **Plagiarism Policy**

Plagiarism is a serious offence. The following are excerpts from [www.plagiarism.org](http://www.plagiarism.org) which helps to explain what plagiarism is.

“According to the Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary, to “plagiarize” means

- To steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one’s own
- To use (another’s production) without crediting the source
- To commit literary theft
- To present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source”

“All of the following are considered plagiarism:

- Turning in someone else’s work as your own
- Copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
- Failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
- Giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
- Changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
- Copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not”

Any concern regarding plagiarism will be investigated by the Chair of the Education Committee. Valid concerns will result in that essay application being disqualified and the applicant’s Program Director (resident contest) or Undergraduate Dean (medical student contest) will be notified.