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iThenticate

The Office of Research Services for the Health Sciences Division and the Health Sciences Library are pleased to announce the availability of a new service to assist faculty in verifying appropriate citations in documents such as dissertations, grant proposals, and research publications. This service will employ the use of *iThenticate* (iParadigms LLC), a web based program that provides verification of documents through digitally available resources. The program works by creating a series of algorithms to create digital “fingerprints” of text within a document. That information is then compared to digitally available documents on the Internet (including periodicals, electronic books and web pages) and within *iThenticate* databases. More information about this program may be found at: <http://www.ithenticate.com>.

This service is now available for free to faculty members who wish to check written materials prior to submission or to verify appropriate citations in academic material. The primary objective of this service is to provide an additional safeguard to assure the highest standards in research and scholarly works.

This Library provides service works as follows:

- Faculty members interested in the service should send an electronic copy of the document to be reviewed to HSL@luc.edu.
- A librarian will upload the document into the *iThenticate* program and analyze the results.
- A report identifying areas of concern will be sent to the faculty member within two weeks.
- It is recommended that the faculty member requesting the review meet with the reference librarian to discuss the review results.
- The results will not be distributed to anyone other than the faculty member requesting the review.

The Health Sciences Division Pre-Award Grants Administration will also randomly select several grants per month for an *iThenticate* analysis. The purpose of this program is to provide ongoing protection to the university and investigator from plagiarism and inappropriate duplication of text.

Questions about the *iThenticate* service can be directed to Jeanne Sadlik, Associate Director Public Services, jsadlik@luc.edu, 6-5304.