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Graphic Era Deemed to be University Research Policy

Rapid growth in scientific knowledge is an indication of quest for discovery and has an impact on economic and societal development. Science, technology and innovation is often initiated at the University research environment. Research and developmental activities create and disseminate new knowledge in range of fields, promote innovation and motivate better learning and teaching among students and faculty members of our University. Research is the foundation of knowledge that brings new energy, builds state-of-the-art facilities, promotes research publications, develops collaborations and becomes part of active community that shares the mission objectives. Taking these into considerations, following University Research Policies has been framed for the University.

Objectives

- 1. Creation of conducive research environment with focus on outcome based research.
- Support and encouragement to faculty and students for realization and enhancement of research potential.
- 3. Encouragement in publishing research papers in quality journals like Scopus, web of science and UGC approved journals.
- 4. Encouraging and assisting researchers in filing and obtaining patents.
- 5. Organizing lectures/symposia/workshops on intellectual property rights (IPR), patent drafting and filing to aid researchers in better understanding of their rights and protection against unfair competition and plagiarism.
- 6. Promote interdisciplinary research.
- 7. Strengthen linkages through national and international collaborations and partnerships with key reputed institutions, industry, government, policy makers and funding agency of research.

Seed Money

- 1. Disbursement of seed money to researchers for improving research quality and nurturing ideas at initial level.
- 2. To provide seed money to researchers who have demonstrated research capabilities as evidenced by publications, awards, projects, patents, consultancies etc. For a recently joined faculty the previous track record (of the same as above) will qualify for grant of seed money.
- 3. The maximum amount offered as seed money is Rs. 2,00,000. It can be extended in case of exceptional candidate.
- 4. Additional research grants besides seed money can be extended to researchers on proving potential in form of above-mentioned outputs.

Conference Grants

- 1. Each faculty can be allowed access to grant of Rs. 15,000 (Fifteen thousand) per conference, with a maximum grant for three (3) conferences in a year defined from January to December. This is only valid for Scopus Indexed conferences.
- 2. Ph.D. scholars can avail the conference funding with the maximum amount of Rs. 10,000 in a year.
- 3. UG and PG students can avail the conference funding with the maximum amount of Rs. 5,000 in a year.
- Award money for conference/workshop organized in the capacity of organizing secretary or convener only.

Research Facilities

- 1. Every research lab will be equipped with network printer, good internet connectivity with high bandwidth and wi-fi.
- 2. High performance computational facility are provided to the faculty members/research scholars, if required.
- 3. Assistance for collaborating with other institutions/organizations for carrying out advance research. IF support facilities are not available.
- 4. Research Excellence Awards for Department/College faculty's members.
- 5. Establishment of Centers of Excellence in collaboration with Institutions/Agencies of National Relevance with a purpose of Collaborative Research.
- 6. Reduced teaching and other load are relaxed for faculty members actively involved in research as reflected by the research papers published / patents taken/projects applied in last five years.

Contingency

- Contingency grant of maximum Rs.25000/- per year is offered to faculty/research scholars for meeting expenses incurred on chemicals, glass wares, kits and other miscellaneous items (not available in laboratory) on submission of justification, duly verified by the supervisor and recommended by Dean Research and approved by Vice Chancellor/Pro-Vice Chancellor.
- Contingency money may also be used for travel for data collection and sampling as required by the research objectives.
- 3. Both the above points should be duly verified by supervisor, recommended by Dean Research and Development (R&D) and approved by Vice Chancellor/Pro-Vice Chancellor.
- 4. Contingency grant can also be used for the procurement of professional bodies membership.

Anti-Plagiarism Policy

The research work carried out by the scholar/faculty, shall be based on original ideas and free from duplication of either results or literature.

As a quality enhancement policy keeping in view the above point, the University has purchased access to Turnitin Plagiarism Detector Software as well as AICTE sponsored free software URKUND, which be availed by all researchers.

The following key policies on plagiarism as defined by UGC, should be abided strictly by all.

Levels of Plagiarism

Plagiarism would be quantified upto following levels in ascending order of severity for the purpose of its definition:

- i. Level 0: Similarities upto 10% Minor similarities, no penalty
- ii. Level 1: Similarities between 10% to 40% such scholars shall be asked to submit a revised script within a stipulated time period not exceeding 6 months.
- iii. Level 2: Similarities between 40% to 60% such scholars shall be debarred from submitting a revised script for a period of one year.
- iv. Level 3: Similarities above 60%, scholar's registration for that programme shall be cancelled.

Fellowship

- a. Fellowship criteria for full time research scholars is Rs. 12,000/- per month till completion of Ph.D. coursework and Rs. 15,000/- per month after completion of coursework. The request for the same may be submitted by the scholar duly forwarded & recommended by the supervisor and the Head of department.
- b. The total fellowship period shall not exceed three (3) years from the date of registration (including course work tenure).
- c. Extension of research fellowship after 3 years: Based on the performance of the student fellowship can be extended for a period of six (6) months or one (1) year, at the request of the research scholar with the recommendation of the Supervisor & the HOD, and the approval of Pro-Vice Chancellor (Pro-VC) and Vice Chancellor (VC).

Rules and Regulation for Research Scholars

- a. The research scholar must be full time researcher and submit himself/herself to the disciplinary regulations of the University (in continuance with Rule a).
- b. Must be regular in performing the academic duties assigned by the Department. The Department must ensure regular attendance of the scholar by keeping a registered account.
- c. Every research scholar entitled for fellowship is expected to assist Department in teaching learning process by taking a nominal teaching load as prescribed by the Department.
- d. Every research scholar has to submit/present his/her progress report to the DRC once in every six months.
- e. A full time research scholar availing fellowship cannot take up any assignment/job with any other Institution/Organization with salary/stipend till submission of thesis.
- f. On disciplinary grounds fellowship may be terminated at any time without communicating to the research scholar and the University /Institution's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.
- g. Research scholars are entitled to maximum 25 day's leave in an academic year in addition to public holidays. They are not entitled to semester breaks. It shall be the duty of the supervisor and the Department to ensure proper engagement of research

scholars during semester breaks to productively utilize the said period for better research outcomes.

- h. Women candidates are eligible for maternity leave as per University norms.
- i. The University medical facilities may be availed by the research scholars, if required.
- j. The fellowship is liable to cancellation, in case of:
 - Unsatisfactory progress of research work Failure in any of the examination related to Ph.D.
 - Candidate found ineligible at a later stage.

Recognition of Research Publication:

- 1. Publication of book/Contribution of chapters.
- 2. Appreciation of faculty members/research scholars publishing quality research papers/articles in Scopus/web of science/other UGC recognized journals.
- 3. Assistance in collaborating with other Institutions/Organizations for carrying out advance research or availing facilities not available in parent organization.
- 4. For research grant(s) greater than 20 Lakhs, 10% of institutional overhead will be given to Principal Investigator. For grants less then 20K 5% of institutional overhead will be awarded to PI. It will be the prerogative of the PI to distribute awarded money amongst Co-Principle Investigators.

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