

VIKRAM UNIVERSITY, UJJAIN

Research Policy

Preamble

This policy establishes the research environment within which academic staff and postgraduate research students carry out their Research. It also provides an overarching framework for the development and implementation of all research management at the University.

Objectives

- i) To promote research, innovation and intellectual capital,
- ii) To ensure integrity, quality and ethics in research,
- iii) To integrate teaching and research through translational and instructional research, and;
- iv) To incentivise the generation of intellectual capital.

Requirement to Undertake Research

(a) Each scholar will carry out independent Research, scholarship and/or creative activities that are appropriate to their discipline. In doing so they will, individually or in collaboration with colleagues:

- (i) Supervise Research students;
- (ii) Disseminate Research
- (iii) Be active within appropriate professional and discipline communities and external stakeholders;
- (iv) Contribute to the Research environment and culture of University through activities such as mentoring, engagement in new Research initiatives and strengthening the Research infrastructure
- (v) Participate in initiatives designed to secure financial support for Research activities from external sources

(b) The requirement to undertake Research is a career expectation and will be balanced with the other obligations of academic staff including teaching and administrative responsibilities.

(c) Nothing in this policy is to be construed so as to prevent Heads of School from allocating teaching and other responsibilities in the light of the Research record of academic staff.

Promotion of Research

The researchers will be free to choose the subject of their research, to seek support from any funding source for their research work, and to report their findings and conclusions. However, research shall be available for scrutiny to the University and constructive criticism of peers. Research techniques used by the researchers shall not violate established professional ethics, pertaining to the health, safety, privacy, and other personal rights of human beings or to the infliction of injury or pain on animals. The University

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shall create conducive environment for research. Due to limited resources, the University may not support fully all research likely to be undertaken, but it shall allocate the space, facilities, partial funding, and other resources for research programmes based on the scholarly and educational merits of the proposed research. It shall also provide development opportunities to researchers for writing research proposals and reports, publications, patent filing, etc.

Research at UG, PG and Doctoral Level

Under NEP 2020, it is advised that research component in the curricula is necessary to promote creativity among the undergraduate and post-graduate students. Accordingly, project work, internship and minor projects will be made compulsory at the final year of UG programs where students under the guidance of the faculty work on the decided topic of the dissertation and submit the findings. The final project will be submitted to the institution for valuation and also the viva is conducted. Similarly, in the postgraduate programme, research is emphasised emphatically and students will be trained for robust research skills. The University shall further reinforce research training in both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

The Doctoral and Postdoctoral level research will be regulated by the uniform ordinance (Ordinance No. 11) approved by the State Coordination Committee and applicable to all Universities in Madhya Pradesh.

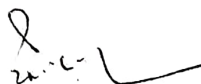
Idea Centre

Students have many ideas on which they want to work, but in the absence of the infrastructure, including the place and space, they are unable to work on them. Therefore, the University would encourage an Idea Centre where the students can research on an idea. The Idea Centre will provide opportunity to students to ask questions in different areas of knowledge. It shall equip them with an ability to think, concretize the idea, design research study, work on it and report the findings. It shall also encourage research scholars to publish and patent their research work.

Research Projects

In order to encourage young faculty to conduct research the University will develop a scheme for providing financial assistance to Minor Research Project and shall earmark appropriate budget for this purpose. The faculty member will prepare Minor Research Project and submitted to University level committee. On the recommendations of this committee the University will provide financial assistance up to Rs. 2.00 Lakh to the faculty concerned. To have the periodical assessment for all such research projects and with an aim to guide the researcher, the departmental or institutional level committee will be constituted. It will be mandatory to send quarterly progress report of such Minor Research Project to the University

Faculty can submit Major Research Project proposals to any national/international funding agencies. These proposals will be scrutinized before submitting to the funding agency. The University will provide all kinds of infrastructure facilities available for conducting a Major Research Project. The University will ensure to evolve a mechanism through which it shall monitor the progress of Major Research Projects



funded by an external agency, maintain its accounts and submit the utilisation certificate in time to the funding agency as per the requirement of the funding agency.

The University will have MoUs with prominent research institutions in the country and abroad, for conducting research jointly in the areas of common interest. For this purpose, a Task Force shall be constituted that will constantly explore the possibilities of having such collaborative or joint research in terms of thrust areas, decide the modus operandi of conducting such research and attend to other relevant aspects.

Training for Research and Publications

To impart knowledge as how to write a research paper and the format in which it should be submitted, regular trainings and workshops will be conducted. The University will encourage publication of research papers by the faculty in quality journals.

Patent and IPR

The University shall establish Innovation and Patent Cell for encouraging innovation and patent activities. Regular seminar/symposia/workshop will be arranged on start up and entrepreneurial skills.

Incentives for Outstanding Research

The outstanding research contributions done by faculty, researcher, and research scholar shall be encouraged by the University which shall prepare a scheme for providing incentive to researchers and scholars. The incentives may be identified as under

- a) Incentive in terms of money
- b) Incentive in terms of awards/prizes
- c) Incentive in terms of more funding for the ongoing research
- d) Incentive in terms of certificate or giving more weightage for the career advancement scheme, etc.

Research Misconduct

The University defines research misconduct, as any fabrication, falsification or plagiarism in proposing, performing or reviewing research or in the reporting of research results. The University shall take seriously all allegations of misconduct, and shall ensure that the procedures for the inquiry, investigation and adjudication of any misconduct are well defined and just for all parties involved.

Review of the Policy

The policy will be reviewed after a period of three years.

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