

Research Policy Of Koteshwor Multiple Campus(KMC)

Purpose

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 Koteshwor Multiple Campus.

Introduction

The research policy of the campus aims to create and support a research culture among its teachers, staff and students and leverage it for enriching and enhancing the professional competence of the faculty members; for developing and promoting scientific temper and research aptitudes of all learners; for realizing the vision and missions of the campus and for contributing to national development by establishing an institutional fund and plan for facilitating their participation in research and related activities and by providing the required resources and appropriate facilities.

It also aims at ensuring that the research activities of the campus conform to all applicable rules and regulation as well as to the established standards and norms relating to safe and ethical conduct of research.

Scope of the Research Policy

This policy shall apply to all the researchers of the University and for the purpose of this policy 'researchers' are defined to include

1. All staff, temporary and permanent, who are active in teaching, research, administration and provision of any form of support to the core functions of the campus;
2. All students admitted in the campus;
3. All mentors, guides, external experts and sponsors associated with any of the research activities of the campus;
4. All academic and administrative departments of the campus;

This policy shall apply to all the research and related activities of the campus which include:

1. Research activities including basic, strategic and applied research undertaken either for fulfilling the requirements of academic degrees or for solving problems
2. Scholarly activities intended to expand knowledge boundaries by analysis, synthesis and interpretation of ideas and information by making use of rigorous methodologies
3. Knowledge compilation and communication initiatives for keeping abreast of academic developments in any knowledge domain such as writing of textbooks, chapters of textbooks, monographs; developing/updating curriculum, etc.
4. Creative activities involving the generation of new ideas, innovations, hypotheses, images, performances or artefacts, including design in any field of knowledge which leads to the development of new knowledge, understanding or expertise;
5. Research projects of students undertaken as part of the curriculum or for enriching it

6. Publication, presentation and communication of the research outcomes and related activities

Objectives of the Research Policy

- To strengthen the institutional capacity for strategic, technical and operational planning, budgeting and control of all research activities of the Campus.
- To create and administer a research fund for supporting and facilitating research initiatives and projects of faculty members and students.
- To develop rules, procedures and guidelines for granting research support, instituting awards, and supporting all other related activities
- To prepare and regularly update the research agenda of the campus outlining the preferred focus areas and priorities of research activities to be supported
- To identify and inform researchers about the appropriate research opportunities announced by different academic, research, industry or government organizations.
- To encourage and facilitate the publication of the research work/projects in reputed academic journals.
- To encourage and facilitate the presentation/communication of the research work/projects as well as their findings and recommendations through academic events such as workshops/seminars/guest lectures or the media.
- To develop, prescribe and administer rules and procedures to ensure the compliance of all researchers to the research quality assurance framework, the research code and all the applicable rules and regulations.

Research Policy Implementation Mechanism

The Research management cell (RMC) of the Koteshwor Multiple Campus shall be responsible for implementing this research policy of the campus by working closely with the campus management. The specific roles and functions of the Research Management Cell will be as follows:

1. Facilitate the faculty in undertaking research and will work with the campus management to set up a research fund for providing seed money.
2. Provide research facilities in terms of laboratory equipment, research journals and research incentives etc. required by the faculty.
3. Encourage and promote a research culture (eg. teaching work load remission, opportunities for attending conferences etc.).
4. Encourage the faculty to undertake research by collaborating with other research organizations.
5. Create suitable procedures for giving due recognition for guiding research.
6. Facilitate the establishment of specific research units/ centers by funding agencies / university.
7. Organize workshops/ training programs/ sensitization programs are conducted by the institution to promote a research culture on campus.

8. Approach National and international organizations such as UGC, University, Government to fund major and minor research projects undertaken by the faculty / students.
9. Develop and implement an official Code of Ethics to check malpractices and plagiarism in research as well as develop and implement guideline for miniresearch.
10. Encourage and promote the publication of research articles by the faculty in KMC research journals.

Research policy

- Apart from their lecturing duties academic staff are expected to actively engage in research.
- Research and lecturing responsibilities complement each other. A lecturer's knowledge of, and skill in his/her subject, is promoted and expanded by means of research. This research is determined by needs which will lead to enhance quality with regard to the training of high-level manpower and the application of knowledge and expertise to the benefit of the community.
- The University does not prescribe the nature of the research, although attention should particularly be given to relevant applied, problem-solving and development aspects of research.
- Research projects may be undertaken by individuals or groups of individuals. Well-coordinated projects by specialized researchers in multi-disciplinary teams, must generate optimal results in selected areas of skill. Integration with research networks is promoted.
- Staff are expected to strive towards meeting approved national and international standards as determined by publication of accredited outputs, patents, artefacts and peer evaluation.
- Academic departments should encourage students to further their studies and to become involved in the existing research projects.
- National and International contact should be actively encouraged, especially regular contact with experts conducting research in the same field. Collaborative and cross-national research with international experts within a field should be encouraged.
- The necessary information sources supporting research (data bases, books and magazines) and the relevant library and information services, should be provided.
- The campus will provide the consultancy services like research, training, report writing, workshop, etc... to other institutions and needy people.