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- Research Guidelines and selection notice



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Koteswor Multiple Campus

Research Management Cell (RMC)

Operational Guidelines



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Research Management Cell (RMC), Koteshwor Multiple Campus

Research Policy and Guidelines 2023

1. Introduction

Research is an integral part of academic development. Supporting on research activities is one of the most important priorities of community campuses, like Koteshwor Multiple Campus (KMC). Research Management Cell (RMC) of Koteshwor Multiple Campus (KMC) was established in 2016. It has been conducting different types of research, and organizing workshops, seminars, and conferences on various issues of research methodology, pedagogy, and academic writing, and publishing its research finding in its Journals.

RMC of Koteshwor Multiple Campus (KMC) frequently conducts research activities to strengthen the potentiality of faculties and students in teaching learning activities. Students are involved in different research activities such as report writing, thesis, and term papers to increase the horizon of their knowledge. Further, students connect their research activities with socio-economic development through field visits and field works.

RMC provides incentives to the faculties to conduct mini-research. The faculties conduct individual mini research as well as collaborative research each and every year. RMC supports students to prepare reports and thesis as they require in bachelors and masters level.

2. Objectives of RMC

Research Management Cell (RMC) of Koteshwor Multiple Campus has been established with the following objectives:

- To develop the culture of research and innovation among faculties and students in the campus by strengthening research and related activities;
- To conduct monthly interdisciplinary workshops on relevant issues;
- To organize conference, seminars , and workshops on research methodology, academic writing and other relevant issues;
- To seek assistance from University Grants Commission (UGC) and other national and international institutions for conducting research on different issues including policy and procedures, curriculum, infrastructure, campus- community relations, among others;

- To contribute in strengthening the linkage between teaching-learning and research innovation and development thereby improving overall quality and relevance of higher education at KMC;
- To bring the changes from conventional theory-based teaching to emerging research and application-based teaching-learning process;
- To encourage and support the faculties of KMC to initiate the research activities by applying for faculty grant research and mini research at University Grants Commission, and other institutions;
- To promote industry sponsored research and innovation;
- To collaborate with different governmental and non-governmental agencies to conduct different research activities to contribute on the socio-economic development of the community and the nation.

3. Activities of RMC

3.1. Students Research Grants

RMC has been supporting both students and faculties of KMC. Students are directly involved in different research projects as per the practical research project works. They are also joined with faculties for collaborative research to be funded by RMC.

It has been made mandatory to include students of the concerned department in both the Mini Research and Collaborative Research to be conducted by the faculties of the campus. RMC assists students and guides them for conducting orientation, workshops, project works, field visits and other research activities. Students also are involved in collaborative research with other local governmental and non-governmental agencies.

RMC provides thesis writing grants to MBS level students for thesis writing. For that RMC calls for proposals. After the submission of their proposals, an expert team formed by RMC evaluates and selects the best proposals. This grant is given to two selected students on the basis of evaluation of the Evaluation Committee (Criteria for evaluation is mentioned in the appendix 1 & 2). It provides NRs.10, 000 (Ten thousand rupees only) grants for each student. It will encourage students and motivates them to get involved in research activities.

RMC has the provision to support the students to do community based research works as an outreach activities of the institutions. They are encouraged to seek and collaborate with other

concerned institutions and local level governments for research and innovative works. The faculties of KMC collaborate with community to connect knowledge the students gain from the campus into real practical life. Students are supported in field work and community studies as part of their course requirements and for gaining extra knowledge and skills.

3. 2. Faculty Research Grants

RMC of Koteshwor Multiple Campus provides two different grants for the faculties for their research works, which are:

3. 2.1. Mini Research Grants

3. 2.2. Collaborative Research Grants

3.2.1. Guidelines for Mini Research Grants for the faculty members

Research Management Cell (RMC) of Koteshwor Multiple Campus invites research proposals along with application forms from eligible faculty members for “Mini Research Grants”. Mini Research Grants will be provided to those qualified faculty members with either an M. Phil degree or a Master’s degree. A total of 10 such grants will be provided to the faculty members of KMC and each grantee will receive maximum a sum of NRs. 40,000 (Forty thousand rupees only). In order to distribute the awards proportionately to all subjects or areas, each department will be awarded at least one Mini Research Grant for the individual faculty members. The selection and acceptance of grants will be done from the evaluation committee formed by RMC.

Purpose

The purpose of this provision for Mini Research Grants is for improving the research skills of faculty members so that they could share their experience with their students. These research grants will motivate the faculties in deeper investigation in their areas of expertise.

Scope

Research Management Cell will work with the research grantees to ensure that the issues and needs are adequately addressed and that the research outcomes are directly relevant and useful to the grantees and his or her department.

Procedure

Research Management Cell will allocate the fund for Mini Research Grants and Collaborative Research Grants through the provisions in accordance with the provision of Human Resource

Development Plan. RMC manages the process of submission of proposals, selection from the evaluation committee formed.

After the selection and approvals of the grants the research should be completed within six month from the contract agreement between RMC and the researchers.

Minimum requirements for eligibility

1. Faculty members who fulfill the following requirements may apply for awards:
2. The research grants can be awarded to an individual faculty of the Campus.
3. The researcher must be a faculty member with non-PhD and non-Professor.
4. Applicants who have once received the fellowships/research grants from the Research Management Cell are not eligible to apply for the next year.
5. There must be assurance of the students of the concerned department to be involved in research process.
6. In case of dispute, the final decision will be made by the Selection Committee under the Research Management Cell of Koteshwor Multiple Campus.

Evaluation Procedure:

Research Management Cell under Koteshwor Multiple Campus will form a Selection Committee to evaluate and recommend the successful candidates to the Research Management Cell. The following criteria of the weightage of marks will be used to select successful applicants for grants:

Evaluation of proposal 70

Proposal presentation 30

Total 100 marks

The candidate must obtain a minimum of 50% marks from the evaluation of proposal to be called for the proposal presentation.

Funding and Duration

The amount of the Mini Research Grant will be provided to the grantees as per the decisions made by the Research Management Cell of Koteshwor Multiple Campus. The disbursement of fund will be as follows:

25% upon signing an agreement of the grants, and

75% upon completion of the study.

The research must be completed within six months starting from the signing of an agreement

between the Research Management Cell and the grantees, but the research report should be submitted to the Research Management Cell for evaluation no earlier than five months from the signing of the agreement. In case of unavoidable circumstances, one month can be extended upon a reasonable request by the researcher/s if they cannot complete their study in the specified period. This provision applies to only one time extension of study period. In case of discontinuation or misconduct of the study, the grantees have to reimburse the funding awarded to him or her to the Research Management Cell.

Documents to be submitted for awards

1. An application form must be submitted in the specified format available from the Research Management Cell
2. Copies of the certificates of the highest academic qualification.
3. Two copies of research proposals in APA format. The length of the proposal should not exceed 10 pages including the cover page with 1.5 line spacing throughout the proposal.
4. The proposal will undergo two blind reviews followed by proposal presentation and documents for evaluation. The proposal must include a cover page that bears the title of the proposal, the researcher's name, and researcher's affiliation. The name of the researcher should not appear in any part of the text except the cover page. (The outline of Mini - Research proposal is mentioned in Appendix 3)

Processing charge to be deducted

10% of the total funding shall be deducted from the allocated fund as the administration charge to the RMC.

Deadlines

Research Management Cell under Koteswori Multiple Campus will notify the deadline for the call for proposals for research grants.

Report Approval

Mini-Research Report will be evaluated by the evaluation committee members formed by the RMC and it will be finally approved after the final presentation from the researcher (s). The report will be given to the subject expert (external evaluator). The researcher has to present and defend the comments for the acceptance of the report. The RMC will accept and approve the

report from the evaluation of the committee formed. ((Format of Mini – Research Report evaluation is mentioned in Appendix 4 & 5)

Research Misconduct

Research Management Cell will draft appropriate policy on research procedures and ethical considerations. The Research Management Cell will also draft a guideline with procedures for addressing the cases of allegations of research misconduct filed in the Research Management Cell.

Research misconducts include deliberate fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism in proposing, performing, or reviewing research, or in reporting research results, and harmful activities

A Code of Ethics:

A violation of the Code of Ethics or any other apparent irregularity is encouraged to report such violations to the Research Management Cell under Koteswor Multiple Campus. If reported or requested by any person, the Research Management Cell will make every reasonable effort to keep the identity of such person confidential and conduct a full and fair investigation of the allegations. If allegations against any research grantees are found true, the Research Management Cell will pursue disciplinary action against the wrongdoers and if any individual who knowingly files a false report with the intention to injure another will also face disciplinary action by the Research Management Cell.

Code of Ethics for the Research Management Cell Reviewer for Mini Research

The Research Management Cell will prepare a Code of Ethics for the Mini Research that will comply with this Guideline for its implementation.

3.2.2. Collaborative Research Grant for the faculty members

Research Management Cell of Koteswor Multiple Campus invites research proposals along with application forms from eligible faculty members for “Collaborative Research Grants”. Similarly, the campus has been providing ‘Collaborative Research Grants’ for collaborative researches. Both the students and faculties can collaborate for the research. Collaborative research grant will be provided to the team of faculty members of KMC and students. A total of six such grants will be provided to the team of faculty members where a sum of NRs. 60,000 (sixty thousand rupees only) is allocated. The collaborative research can be done in any of the

subject areas. Students of any faculties and level can take part in this collaborative research. The collaborative research encourages both the faculties and students to work in a team while sharing their experiences and expertise.

In order to distribute the awards proportionately to all subjects or areas, each department will be awarded one Collaborative Research Grant for the individual faculty members.

Both these mini researches and collaborative researches are published in the KMC Journal in the journal article format.

Students too will be benefitted from the research as they will gain an experience in conducting research and writing while learning the subjects. Inclusion of the students in the collaborative research will open the door for research and its wider areas.

Purpose

The purpose of this provision for Collaborative Research Grants is to support subject and area based research works for improving the research skills of faculty members. It will help to increase the team work and assure students' involvement of students in the research process. The students will get an experience of the research and will be motivated to conduct research activities.

Scope

Research Management Cell will work with the research grantee teams to ensure that the issues and needs are adequately addressed and that the research outcomes are directly relevant and useful to the grantees and their department.

Procedure

Research Management Cell will allocate the fund for Collaborative Research Grants through the provisions in accordance with the provision of Human Resource Development Plan. RMC manages the process of submission of proposals, selection from the team of experts formed. After the selection and approvals of the grants the research should be completed within the allocated time.

Minimum requirements for eligibility

The team that fulfills the following requirements may apply for collaborative research grants.

1. The research grants can be awarded to the team of faculty members of a certain department of the Campus.
2. All the team members must be the faculty members of the campus.
3. The team leader of the research should be the full time faculty of the campus.
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3.3. Training and Capacity Building Programs

The Research Management Cell (RMC) of KMC regularly conducts different research related programs and capacity building programs. Its regular programs are:

1. Training (for faculties and other staffs)
2. Regular discussion/interaction (for faculties)
3. Workshop (for faculties and other staffs)
4. Seminar (for faculties)
5. Study tour (inside country/abroad)[for faculties and other staffs]

6. Orientation of research and academic writing for students (level-wise)

3.4. Publication

RMC has its two regular annual publications. It publishes a peer reviewed English journal, KMC Research Journal. It also publishes peer reviewed Nepali journal, KMC Nepali Journal. These both are research based journals published annually. They have their own guidelines as mentioned in the journals outlines.

The journals of RMC, Koteshwor Multiple Campus as talked above are:

3.4.1. KMC Research Journal: annual

KMC Research Journal is a peer reviewed multi-disciplinary journal published by the Research Management Cell (RMC) of Koteshwor Multiple Campus, Jadibuti, Kathmandu. It is an annual publication in the month of June. It includes research based articles from diverse fields of humanities and social sciences, management, education, and other disciplines. It is followed by a rigorous double blind review process for selecting and confirming the articles for publication in the journal. The accepted articles after the reviews are forwarded to the editorial process before they are finalised for publication. The journal article should be minimum 4000 and maximum 5000 words.

(KMC Research Journal Style Sheet, Author guidelines and Review guidelines of the journal are mentioned in the Appendix 7, 8 & 9)

3.4.2. KMC Nepali Journal: annual

(KMC Nepali Journal style sheet is mentioned in the Appendix 10)

RMC also publishes reports of different researches conducted by faculties. It conducts mini research and collaborative researches mobilizing faculties. Some of the students of the concerned departments are also engaged with faculties in both types of research. The completed researches reports are published by RMC.

3. 5. Community Outreach Programs

The RMC's Community Outreach Programs engages communities as it helps find the problem the community is facing. It helps to work together to build community while solving the problems seen in the community. It encourages students to take part in community outreach programs.

Such community outreach programs are conducted with the involvement of students and faculty members in the community – with both the government and private organisations. The community outreach programs are conducted with the three-tier government. The RMC has been involving students in community outreach programs to provide better education, training and involve students in conducting researches. Such programs also help students to connect with the community, understand the problems the community is facing and suggest solutions for the problem while enhancing their research skills.

Also the RMC has been conducting regular workshops, seminars and trainings to enhance the capacity of both the faculties and students of this campus and the neighbours. It invites experts in the field for the purpose.

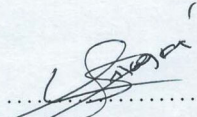
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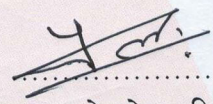
विषय : Faculty Research Grant को नतिजा प्रकाशन गरिएको सूचना

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S.N.	Research Proposal Title	Researchers
1.	Financial Inclusion and Investment Discipline on Mutual Fund in Nepal (Mini-Research)	Mamata Pandey
2.	Factor Influencing in Stream Selection: A Study on BBS Fourth Year Students of Koteshwor Multiple Campus, Kathmandu (Mini-Research)	Devikawati Neupane
3.	Senior Citizens Well-Being: Legal and Economic Perspectives (Colaborative Research)	Parbati Thapa Sapana Basu


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