

RESEARCH POLICY

Policy for Promotion of Research

Research and extension activities are integral to teaching in Indian Universities. Education is a dynamic process. It requires constant updating. This updating is possible only with a vibrant research aptitude. Research makes it possible to create knowledge, innovation and newer insights that make extension activities and teaching more vibrant and scientific. Pondicherry University has a significant place for research activities and encourages all its faculty and students to involve in research activities of higher standards as envisaged in the Pondicherry University Act 1985:

The objective of the University shall be to disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit and by the example of its corporate life, and, in particular, to make special provisions for studies in French and for integrated courses for Humanities and Science in the educational programmes of the University and to take appropriate measures for promoting inter-disciplinary studies and research in the University.

Promotion of Research in Pondicherry University

In order to promote research activities, University has established Project Cell that deals with all research projects funded by various funding agencies. In order to facilitate the other research and development activities like conferences, collaborations and establishing networking with other institutes in India and outside India, the University has established Planning and Development Section headed by an officer of a rank of Deputy Registrar.

Pondicherry University encourages its faculty to apply for research projects from International and national funding agencies apart from local bodies, industries and other funding sources for research projects. In accordance with the UGC norms, high standards of research output are one of the main criteria for the recruitment and promotion of faculty. So as to hasten the process of administrative issues related to research, Pondicherry University has created the post of Dean of Research as single point for coordination. Optimal decentralization of procedures related to research is in place to support researchers in the University. Detailed procedures for simplifying the research project implementation have been developed to help the faculty handling the research projects.

Teachers without PhD are encouraged to pursue and complete their PhD by providing study leave with salary benefits.

Encouraging faculty members to pursue Post-Doctoral research, national collaborative, and International collaborative research projects and fellowships by providing study leave to spend their time in research activities in the University itself or in other Universities and in Universities abroad.

Eligible faculties are encouraged to guide PhD research scholars in accordance with PhD Regulation of Pondicherry University. According to PhD Regulations of the University, Professors and Associate Professors are automatically recognized as PhD guides, and eligible Assistant Professors are given recognition to supervise PhD scholars as per University Ph.D. regulations.

University encourages faculty to establish network with other Universities within India as well as abroad and go for MoUs for the benefit of faculty and students for research activities.

Periodically every year the research output of faculty is collected and published in 'Annual Report' which would be tabled in Parliament apart from publishing it in the University website for disseminating the information to all stakeholders.

Ethics in Research

Pondicherry University plays utmost importance in encouraging its faculty for following ethical guidelines established by appropriate bodies in carrying out the research activities.

University has established separate statutory Institutional Ethics Committee for research involving human subjects as well as animal subjects, and research proposals have to undergo these committees before carrying out the research. In addition, there are two other statutory Ethics Committees, namely, Biosafety Committee as well as Stem Cell Research Committee.

University gives highest importance to IPR and ethical publishing. All the PhD theses before submission must be checked by authentic plagiarism checking software and certificate to be submitted with signatures of both research scholar and the concerned research guide. Plagiarism software has been provided to the entire faculty for checking their research articles, research proposals and research project reports besides using plagiarism check to regulate the student assignments. All the Ph.D. thesis of the PhD scholars of the University gets uploaded to the Shodhganga-INFLIBNET repository.

University encourages various Departments to conduct workshops in research methodology where ethics in research is an integral part of these workshops. Awareness is also created to faculty members by invited talks on ethics in research. Ethics in research is also taught for PhD research scholars as part of their course work, where ethics is an essential part. In addition,

IPR

The research output in the form of innovation, creativity and patents filing are encouraged through Pondicherry University IPR policy and a separate IPR Cell for facilitating the said activities has been established.

Policy for consultancy and revenue sharing

A detailed policy has been drafted in dealing with matters relating to consultancy and revenue sharing.