



Vidyasagar University

Midnapore, West Bengal

721102



Research Policy



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Aims of the Research Policy:

Vidyasagar University is committed to create and support a research culture for developing and promoting scientific temper and research aptitudes among its teachers, staff and students. It helps to realize the vision and missions of the University 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 to ensure that the research activities of the University must obey all applicable rules and regulation as well as to the established standards and norms relating to safe and ethical conduct of research.

Objectives of the Research Policy:

- 1) Providing a modality for proper coordination of all research activities of the University and aligning those to the vision and mission of the University and national development goals.
- 2) Promoting interdisciplinary research and establishing modalities for preparing and undertaking joint research projects covering more than one knowledge domain as well as policies for involving external agencies/experts in such projects
- 3) Creating a research environment to inspire the faculty members as well as research scholars for quality research
- 4) Strengthening the institutional capacity for strategic, technical and operational planning, budgeting and control of all research activities of the University
- 5) Creating and administer a research fund for supporting and facilitating research initiatives and projects of faculty members and students.
- 6) Developing rules, procedures and guidelines for granting research support, instituting awards, and supporting all other related activities.
- 7) Developing rules, procedures and guidelines for granting study leave, sabbatical leave, duty leave etc. for faculty members undertaking research activities.
- 8) Preparing and updating the research agenda of the University outlining the preferred focus areas and priorities of research activities to be supported.
- 9) Guide faculty members in the effective integration research projects with the regular curriculum implementation and curriculum enrichment activities.
- 10) Identifying and informing researchers about the appropriate research opportunities announced by different academic, research, industry or government organizations.
- 11) Enabling framework for researchers to obtain sponsorships for research projects and which makes the participating researchers responsible for the successful implementation of the project
- 12) Developing and promoting linkages with other institute of eminence.



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- 13) Identifying and establishing linkages including MOU s for long term relationships with national and international research organizations for widening the scope of research opportunities and funding options available to the teachers and students of the University.
- 14) Identifying and establishing linkages including MOU s for long term relationships with industry bodies and individual companies for creating opportunities for teachers and students of the University to involve themselves in applied research projects and obtaining sponsorships
- 15) Encouraging and facilitating the publication of the research work/projects in reputed academic journals
- 16) Encouraging and facilitating 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
- 17) Adopting research code, which informs all researchers about the ethical and legal norms and principles to be followed in the conduct of research
- 18) Developing and administering 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.
- 19) Preparing and implementing research quality assurance mechanism for ensuring that all research activities of the University conform to standard quality specifications

Composition of Research Cell:

Research Cell has the following composition

Board of Research Study Arts and Commerce Faculty

1. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor- Chairperson
2. Dean, Faculty of Arts and Commerce
3. Two Professors from the Arts and Commerce Faculty
4. Two outside experts (Nominated by Vice-Chancellor)
5. Registrar, Secretary
6. Secretary, Faculty Councils for Post Graduate Studies, Joint- Secretary

Board of Research Study Science Faculty

1. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor- Chairperson
2. Dean, Faculty of Science
3. Two Professors from the Science Faculty
4. Two outside experts (Nominated by Vice-Chancellor)
5. Registrar, Secretary
6. Secretary, Faculty Councils for Post Graduate Studies, Joint- Secretary



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Research Policy Implementation Mechanism

The Research Cell of the University is responsible for implementing the research policy of the University by working closely with the University management. The specific roles and functions of the research cell are as follows:

1. Facilitate the faculty in undertaking research and will work with the University 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 the faculty to undertake research by collaborating with other research organizations/ industry.
4. Facilitate the establishment of specific research units, centres by the university.
5. Organize workshops/ training programmes/ sensitization programmes to promote a research culture on campus.
6. Invite industry to use the research facilities of the University and sponsor research projects.
7. Make efforts to improve the availability of research infrastructure requirements to facilitate research.
8. Develop and implement an official Code of Ethics to check malpractices and plagiarism in research.
9. Facilitate Interdepartmental / interdisciplinary research projects.
10. Institute research awards.
11. Providing incentives for the faculty who receive state, national and international recognition for research contributions as well as research awards and recognition from reputed professional bodies and agencies.
12. Encourage and promote the publication of research articles by the faculty in reputed/ refereed journals.
13. Publicise the research expertise and consultancy capabilities available in the University.
14. Facilitate the provision of consultancy services to industries / Government / Non-Government organizations / community/ public.
15. Prepare Rules & Guidelines for Grant of Research related leave and other remissions
16. Promoting research publications leading to Patent/Patenting Research activities.
17. Encouraging collaborative research with International/National reputed institute.

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