NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY

(A Central University established by an Act of Parliament-2020)

TIRUPATI – 517507 (A. P)

RESEARCH PROMOTION POLICY

Introduction:

National Sanskrit University has formulated its Research Promotion Policy that facilitates and monitors research activities.

The Research Promotion Policy of National Sanskrit University is as per the following UGC Regulations/Gazette notifications and NSU Vidyavaridhi (Ph. D) and Visishtacharya (M. Phil) regulations:

1. UGC Research & Publication Ethics of 2019.
2. UGC (Promotion of academic integrity and prevention of Plagiarism in higher educational institutions) regulations, 2018 dated 23rd July, 2018.
3. UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M. Phil/Ph. D Degrees (2nd amendment) Regulations, 2018.
4. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati Rules & Regulations for award of Vidyavaridhi (Ph. D) Degree, 2016.
5. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati Rules & Regulations for award of Visistacharya (M. Phil) Degree, 2016.
6. University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./ Ph. D Degrees) Regulations, 2016.
7. University Grants Commission's Policy and Programme for Improvement of Research in the Universities of 1984.

Research Policy:

The goodwill and reputation of any academic institution of higher learning is dependent upon the quality of scholarship, pedagogy and research output it maintains and inculcates. Accordingly, the teaching community, academic activities and learning environment in the University are tuned to achieve these objectives. The present research policy aims to spell out the research priorities of this University in terms of its objectives, focused areas, research programmes, potential etc.

Purpose:

The purpose of research policy is to create a vibrant atmosphere of research among faculty and research scholars in the campus of National Sanskrit University, Tirupati

Objectives:

The broad framework is intended to guide research, its scholarly quality and integrity in all levels of in and out of the University. The objectives of policy are as follows:

1. To promote research & innovation,
2. To ensure integrity, quality and ethics in research,
3. To consolidate and initiate intellectual dialogues between Sanskrit and other knowledge traditions, Indian, Eastern and Western,
4. To document and archive the knowledge, linguistic, philosophical and performance traditions in the field of Sanskrit
5. To ensure high level of efficient and effective support system to facilitate faculty and researchers in their research activities,
6. To ensure publications in quality journals, indexed in UGC CARE list, SCOPUS/Web of science and/or with impact factor,
7. To forge interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships nationally and internationally,
8. To provide a Research Regulations for the University Research Programme i.e. Vidyavaridhi (Ph. D) programme
9. To consolidate information on faculty Research projects funded by the University under various schemes,
10. To consolidate information on Research funding agency outside the University,
11. To administer various grants and fellowships under schemes accepted by the University
12. To explore funding sources in India and abroad and create linkages as desirable, correlated with the activities of research,
13. To generate an overall Research Profile of the University, and periodically review the output, identify gap areas and examine means of supporting research in deserving cases and emerging areas.
14. To promote Research on editing and publishing the rare Manuscripts.

Promotion of Research:

The researchers are free to choose the areas and topic of their research, to seek academic and financial support from any institution for their research work, and to freely report and publish their findings and conclusions.

However, research shall undergo processes of academic scrutiny and rigorous peer review. Research techniques used by the researchers shall not violate Intellectual Property

Rights (IPR) and established professional ethics pertaining to the privacy, and other personal rights of human beings. The promotional areas of Research in this University are as under:

1. The University is committed to create a conducive environment for research. It shall allocate wherever possible necessary space, facilities, funding, and other resources for research programmes based on the scholarly and academic merits of the proposed research. It shall also provide developmental opportunities to researchers for writing research proposals and reports, publications, patent filing etc.

2. Faculty who are desirous of completing in depth research work shall be granted sabbatical Leave in accordance with the UGC and University regulations.

3. Although the researchers are free to choose their own topics of research, it is highly desirable to make research socially relevant and in tune with the academic vision of the University.

4. The University shall pursue collaborations at the local, national and international levels to strengthen and enrich its research programmes and projects.

5. The University shall give scholarship and research facilities to Research Scholars.

6. The University shall continue to encourage faculty and research scholars to get funding for attending International conferences from external agencies as a matching share so that the quality in research paper can be improved.

7. It shall urge research scholars to publish and patent their research work.

8. Overall management of research activities shall be coordinated and supervised by the University Research Committee (URC).

9. The implementation and updating of research promotion policy shall be carried out by the University Research Committee.

Research Projects:

In its mission to encourage young faculty to conduct research, the University shall promote them to develop Research Project proposals and projects.

The faculty members shall prepare such Research Projects, which will be submitted to University Research Committee for approval.

The University shall also identify a list of potential funding agencies for major research projects. The faculty can submit Major Research Project proposals to these agencies through the University. These proposals are scrutinised before submitting the same to a funding agency. The University provides all kinds of infrastructure facilities available for conducting a Major/Minor Research Project (MRP).

The University shall 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 utilising certificate in time to the funding agency as per the requirement of the funding agency. The structure and orientation of Research in the University can broadly be envisioned in the following way

A. <u>Collaborative Research</u>:

For this, an organization can sponsor a project and the experts in the University can conduct research on this project. The financial support for such research shall be borne by the organization concerned. This will lead to three kinds of benefit:

    a. the researcher will get exposures to the concerned area of research; and

    b. the Organization will get academic support, research input; and

    c. the larger society will benefit from such academic exercises.

B. <u>Interdisciplinary Research</u>:

The University shall promote interdisciplinary research activities for which the following steps will be taken:

    a. Identify the interdisciplinary area.

    b. Identify the different experts from concerned disciplines who can work together.

    c. Study the requirement of the infrastructure to conduct the concerned interdisciplinary research.

    d. Explore possibilities to find resources for such interdisciplinary research.

<u>University Research Committee (URC)</u>:

1. The University Research Committee (URC) shall function under the Chairmanship of Vice-Chancellor.

2. Create a Research Profile of the University.

   Formulating/updating Research Promotion Policy of the University.

3. Approval of Research Projects to be submitted to the external agencies.

   Framing the regulations for Vidyavaridhi (Ph. D) Programme.

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