

**RESEARCH PROMOTION POLICY
REGULATIONS FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE



**VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY
NELLORE-524 324, AP, INDIA**

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Introduction

Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore, came into being, fulfilling the long-cherished dream of the people of Nellore district, re-christened Sri Potti Sri Ramulu Nellore district since 2008, by Act No. 29 of 2008 enacted by the Legislature of the State of Andhra Pradesh and published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette on 24th September 2008. Erstwhile Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Dr. Rajesekhar Reddy has laid stone for construction of University buildings at 83.33 acres allotted site on the National Highway No 5. The University is located just 10 KMS from the main town of Nellore. Meanwhile the University Grants Commission conferred recognition on the degrees awarded by Vikrama Simhapuri University under Section 22 of the UGC Act vide its communication No.F.9.2/2010 (CPP-I/PU) dt.20 January 2010. Subsequently, the university is also sanctioned 2(f) and 12 (b) Status by University Grants Commission.

The University has 02 Constituent colleges – Vikrama Simhapuri University College, Nellore and Vikrama Simhapuri University College, Kavali. Further the University is extending its services through 98 affiliated colleges in Nellore District offering UG/PG courses. Vikrama Simhapuri University College, Nellore is offering PG courses in 26 Arts and Science subjects. Further Vikrama Simhapuri University College, Kavali offers PG Courses in 7 Arts and Science subjects The University also offers PhD programmes through its Constituent colleges and Recognized Research Centers. The Constituent Colleges have exclusive boys and girls hostel with all facilities making them to feel as second home. There are two buses for students and staff from Nellore to University Campus.

Vision and Mission

To be the premier research-intensive university to serve the societal needs, nation and inculcate a culture of research and innovation on the campus to be Centre of Excellence for research and development.

Preamble:

Research initiatives, productivity and innovation are the important aspects that are of paramount importance to sustain the reputation of any educational institution. To support the research activities in the University Departments, a well-defined research policy is required. VSU possesses a conducive ecosystem that governs productive research and innovation and such an ecosystem is known as “Research Promotion Policy”.

Scope:

The Research Promotion Policy ensures quality research, processing of research data to be published in reputed and indexed journals and also presentation of data at the level of National and International platforms, and encourages faculty to deliver invited/lead talks in trainings/meetings. To strengthen research, the Seed money scheme known as Faculty Research Grants Scheme (FRGS) offered by the University will enable an early start of research work until sponsored projects from outside agencies are secured by the faculty.

Objectives

1. To foster, attract and retain talent.
2. To elevate the University to global standards
3. To create suitable ecosystem for research
4. To promote innovative pursuits and research culture
5. To mobilize and manage funds for quality research
6. To motivate the faculty to contribute towards achieving the University research goals, via giving incentives (seed money) for research activities
7. To encourage faculty towards the establishment of research collaborations at the National and International levels.
8. To augment research outcomes to be published in reputed journals, patenting via intellectual property rights and its technology transfer.

Policy declarations

1. The University provides an ecosystem with research labs and necessary infrastructure to carry out their research and most notably transparent bureaucratic policies.
2. The R & D division of the University will put out a call for research proposals annually for grant of seed money and the proposals will be selected based on the expert committee decisions and subsequently seed money will be granted to the respective faculty member.
3. The University extended seed money to the concerned faculty to mobilize extramural grants
4. The University will be strict and ensure that the respective faculty who are actively engaged in research involving animal and human subjects should follow ethics in research activities.
5. The Research Promotion Policy declares that there will be support to the faculty members who will apply for patents and IPR related processes.
6. The University recognizes the faculty achievements in the form of career promotion and monetary incentives for knowledge sharing and transfer of technology
7. The University encourages faculty members to publish their data in scopus/Web of Science/UGC care list journals.
8. The University sustains faculty members by giving stat-ups towards the innovative and entrepreneurship.
9. The University encourages faculty members to obtain outreach projects to organize Conferences, Seminars, Workshops, Short Term courses, activities on socially relevant issues/topics with funds from outside agencies in the University neighborhood, after seeking due approval of the University. The Registrar will facilitate the use of such funds received from external agencies. Faculty members have to give the details of such activities along with the budget to the Registrar of the University, clearly indicating the purpose of the event being organized. A report of the whole event has to be submitted to the Registrar after the completion of the event.

Responsibility

Research administration

1. University established academic and developmental sections to verify documents related to submission of research projects and management of funded projects
2. To disseminate knowledge and to establish collaborative activities, financial support is being given to the faculty members to organize workshops/seminars/conferences through inviting resource persons.
3. Monitoring the implementation of UGC guidelines related to research activities through URC and BOS of the Departments
4. The Department Research Committee conducts periodic reviews to assess the research status of the Project students, research scholars and also faculty of the department concerned.
5. The grievances from the supervisors and research scholars are immediately addressed based on the recommendations of the URC
6. To build long-term strategic relationships, collaboration is aligned with the strategic interests of industries/firms.
7. To promote more collaborations between the academia and industry through better clarity on Patent & IP ownership and IP licensing.
8. Documentation of thesis submission by the research scholar is carefully monitored on par with the UGC guidelines and the University Ph.D regulations accordingly.
9. Steps are being implemented to upload the thesis submitted to the Vikrama Simhapuri University to the shodhganga-a reservoir of Indian thesis@ INFLIBNET

Research and Development

R & D is headed by the Director nominated from among the senior Professors by the Vice-Chancellor. The tenure of the Director shall be for a period of three years. The Directorate will be located in the prominent location in the University provided with sufficient infrastructure amenities. URC, and RAC shall assist the Director and shall convene a meeting of the committee once a month or as and when necessary. The Research & Development will have the following functions:

- 1) Information dissemination about call for proposals and assist the faculty to identify the right funding agency
- 2) Monitor Project appointment and purchases and also progress of projects
- 3) Assess progress of Consultancies
- 4) Create database on funding agency and disseminate the information
- 5) Bring out brochures and newsletters on training programmes, research output of faculty and consultancy activities.
- 6) Establish Ethical Committees
- 7) Assist in signing MoUs, file patents and establish IPRs and foster Academy-Industry interaction.
- 8) Involve Scientists from research Institutions and industries in the academic programmes and curriculum development

Research Incentive schemes

1. The Seed Money Policy of the University accelerates competitive research in strategic areas of national or international importance.
2. To support innovative research and prototype development which will potentially translate into creative ventures on their own through external funding.
3. To generate intellectual property (Including product and process development)
4. To provide financial support to the faculty to enroll in professional bodies.
5. To encourage the faculty through commendation and monetary incentive at a University function, Certificate of honor and also by the announcement of faculty members in the Newsletter / website

Research ethics

1. The University strictly follows the plagiarism policies of the UGC
2. The Principal/Co-Principal Investigator shall follow the ethical code of conduct prescribed in the Funding agencies and also University regulations
3. URC monitors the researchers who violate the research promotion policies and also violate ethical aspects. The URC and the Executive council is empowered to execute the punishment in such cases.

General Rules

1. Publications

The faculty who publish the data must specify the affiliation of the University with complete address. For example: Department of Biotechnology, Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore-524324, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh (AP), India.

2. Patents

Patent filing/publication/grant of faculty of VSU should mention the following: Department name, University name as affiliation (complete address). For example: Department of Biotechnology, Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore-524324, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh (AP), India.

3. Financial commitment

Unless otherwise mentioned, no financial support is provided by the University for Research. However, the University provides FRGS scheme to the faculty to support their research during initial stages. Hence, the faculty should acknowledge the financial support given by the University in their publications/patents.

Faculty also gets financial support from government and non-government agencies to carry out their research. Therefore, faculty should mention the funding status in the publications or patents.

4. Conflict of interest

In case, if any faculty has conflict of interest, they should inform the University authority's prior publications. They should explain the reason in written form, which will be presented before the URC for further regulatory aspects.

5. Plagiarism check

This is to maintain the transparency of the research work published by the faculty and research scholars. Therefore, prior submission of thesis work, research scholars and faculty should submit their work for plagiarism check (Inflibnet, UGC, New Delhi) prior Ph.D awarding/publication/patent filing/publication/grant. The plagiarism report should be enclosed in the thesis duly signed by concerned authority.

6. Acknowledgements:

The faculty should mention the facility used for example, DST-FIST facility, Central Instrumentation Facility, or any other facilities and also should mention the Department Name in the acknowledgements for providing laboratory space and utilization of equipments.

Implementation

The guidelines of the policy executed through the URC, and BOS of the Departments with the cooperation of faculty members who are actively engaged in research.

Approval and Review

The Research Promotion Policy will be reviewed periodically and serves as guidelines for the students, Research Scholars, faculty and administrators to strive in achieving the goals in congruent with values of the University. The Registrar, Vikrama Simhapuri University will be the custodian of the Policy.


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