

# POLICIES FOR PROMOTION OF RESEARCH 2020



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# Message



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At the outset, I deem it a great privilege to pen a short message to the "Policy for Promotion of Research", the research guidelines of the Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai.

A University is a higher academic institution, where the innovative ideas are flourished through robust research works for the sustainable development of the society. Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU), established in 2002 by the Government of Tamilnadu, has been constantly focusing on research in diverse disciplines and it also offers M. Phil., and Ph.D., Research Programmes with due approval of the University Grants Commission, New Delhi and the Government of Tamilnadu.

With a view to promoting research talents among the teachers and the research scholars, the University has taken a lot of efforts, including the award of University Research Fellowship and the allocation of specific corpus fund. Furthermore, the quality is the main concern of the research, for which it has constituted various committees like Research Advisory Committee, Research Council, Ethical Committee and Internal Publication Guidelines Committee, besides the implementation of plagiarism check system.

In this context, a comprehensive policy is warranted for the enrichment of reliable research in the University and for the socially relevant research outcomes. Accordingly, now it has come out with this policy document containing clear preamble, objectives and implementation procedures. With these observations, I am hopeful that it will definitely be useful for the teachers as well as the researchers for transforming their research into sustainable one.

A well-known American writer, Alvin Toffler says, "the illiterate of 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn".

*Let's open our minds for innovative ideas with learn, unlearn and relearn!*

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# Preamble

Education is a dynamic process which can be enhanced when constant updating of knowledge occurs. This updation is possible only through vibrant research activities which will lead to creation of knowledge, innovation and newer insights.

One of the important branches of any University is research. Research is performed to recognise the scientific mysteries, to fathom the truths hidden in nature, to develop methods to solve certain specific problems; to invent new devices that make life easy and to meet more such objectives. Research in any University should also reflect the intellectual strength of the University, its response towards the problems in the vicinity of the University and vision of the University. For a successful progress of the University, it has to focus on both academics and research. Research includes scientific experiments, projects, publications, intellectual assets, collaborations and such allied activities.

Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) has put up sincere efforts in promoting quality research along with academics and research students. The University has set itself, very high expectations in the domain of research and it encourages all its faculty and research students to involve in the systematic and discipline (inter and/or intra) based research with higher standards.

The promotional initiatives of TNOU include capacity building in terms of human resources and facilities; encourage all the faculty members to carry out quality research; organization of conferences, seminars and workshops to disseminate new knowledge, and a strong doctoral programme for a award of Ph.D. on completion of quality research work.



# OBJECTIVES

- i. To gain a place among the leading Institutions in research activities in the nation and to create an encouraging atmosphere for connecting the University with industries by promoting the collaborative Research Projects and Consultancy Research;
- ii. To undertake the research works being discussed nationally and globally, to find the suitable technical solutions;
- iii. To stimulate the Faculty members for obtaining the patent rights on their novel research findings;
- iv. To create a strong doctoral programmes leading to award of Ph.D. in different disciplines such as Arts, Social Sciences, Sciences, Languages, Education, Continuing Education and Management;
- v. To encourage and enable to publish of research works through papers and articles in quality journals, National and International Seminars, Conferences and Workshops;
- vi. To establish the specialized labs with appropriate equipment, tools and softwares; and
- vii. To foster the research excellence into career promotion opportunities of the Faculty members and Scholars.

## Policies for Promoting Research Activities

**TNOU creates; builds; and maintains the research environment through the following policies:**

- i. Creating a separate Corpus fund and budgetary allocations to carry out the innovative and good quality research in TNOU.
- ii. Providing the financial support as 'University Fellowship' to the Full-time Ph.D. Research Scholars.
- iii. Generating the research grants through State, National and International funding agencies
- iv. Motivating the faculty members and research scholars to obtain the State, National and International fellowships and scholarships.
- v. Invigorating the researchers to file applications for patents in the case of novel process and product development, and to encourage the same through sharing of Intellectual Property Rights.
- vi. Enabling and encouraging the researchers to take up the funded Projects involving technology development and inter and intra disciplinary research work through research cluster concept with relevant Institutions and industries.
- vii. Identifying and focusing on the challenges in the rural environment and occupations, and to carry out research on the relevant problems.
- viii. Maintaining highest standards of ethics in the research activities and eco-friendly research campus also.
- ix. Adhering to the new amendments, policies and norms issued by UGC/State Government on research related matters from time to time.





# Implementation

In order to promote the research activities, the University has constituted the various regulatory bodies such as Internal Research Advisory Committee, Research Council, Ethical committee and Internal Publication Guideline Committee and also installed the Anti-Plagiarism software. The promotion of Research includes the following functions:

- i. Provide overall guidance to M.Phil., and Ph.D. Programmes
- ii. Guide and approve the Research proposals of Faculty members and students
- iii. Initiate Research projects funded by the University, UGC, MHRD and Overseas etc, under various schemes
- iv. Grant academic approval to National and International Conference, Symposium and Workshops conducted by the University Departments
- v. Prepare an overall Research Profile of the University, and periodically review the output, identify gap areas and examine the means of supporting research in deserving cases and emerging areas
- vi. Consider and recommend the eligible Faculty applicant for recognition as Research Supervisor as per UGC and University regulations
- vii. Monitor University Fellowship, Ph.D. Scholarships - JRF, SRF, Non-NET Fellowships, other State Govt. Fellowships and Grants etc.
- viii. Monitoring Foreign Travel of Faculties, Supervisors, Scholars regarding the scientific paper Presentations and publications.
- ix. Formalize International and National Level MoUs on Research
- x. Filing and Maintaining of Patents, Collaborative agreements, technology transfer etc.
- xi. Monitor publication of research articles in the Journal as per guidelines
- xii. Review and approve the research topics and proposals involving human and animal subjects, prior to execution and submission by the Ethical Committee
- xiii. Check Plagiarism in Ph.D. Theses and M.Phil., Dissertations, Research articles, Review articles, Books and Book Chapters by using UGC recommended Anti-Plagiarism Softwares

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