

Implementation

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

- i. Provide overall guidance to M.Phil./Ph.D. Programmes
- ii. Guide and approve the Research proposals of Faculty members and students
- iii. Research projects funded by the University/UGC/MHRD/Overseas etc. under various schemes
- iv. Grant academic approval to National and International Conference/Symposium/Workshops 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. Considering and recommending the eligible Faculty applicant for recognition as Research Supervisor as per UGC/University regulations
- vii. Monitoring University Fellowship, Ph.D. Scholarships - JRF/SRF/Non-NET Fellowships, other State Govt. Fellowships/Grants, etc.
- viii. Monitoring Foreign Travel of Faculties/Supervisors, Scholars regarding the scientific paper Presentations/publications.
- ix. Formalizing International and National Level MoUs on Research
- x. Filing/Maintaining of Patents, Collaborative agreements, technology transfer etc.
- xi. Monitoring the guidelines for publishing the research articles in the Journal published by TNOU
- xii. The Ethics Committee review and approves the research topics/proposals involving human/animal subjects, prior to execution/ submission.
- xiii. Plagiarism check is adhered in TNOU using UGC recommended Anti-Plagiarisms Softwares to check the plagiarism on the Ph.D. Thesis and M.Phil. Dissertation submitted by the Scholars and also to check the plagiarism in the Research articles, Review articles Books and Book chapters published by the faculty members/Scholars.

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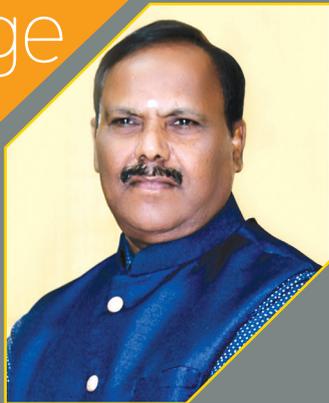
POLICIES FOR PROMOTION OF RESEARCH 2020



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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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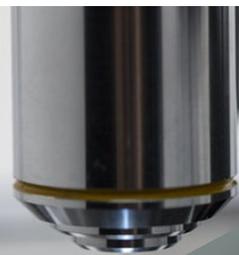
Preamble

Education is a dynamic process which can be enhanced when constant updation occurs. This updation is possible only with 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 understand 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 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 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 carryout quality research; organization of conferences, seminars and workshops to disseminate the new knowledge, and a strong doctoral program for a award of Ph.D. on completion of quality research work.



Policies for Promoting Research Activities in TNOU

TNOU creates, builds, and maintain the research environment through the following policies:

- i. Creating a separate Corpus fund and budget 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/international funding agencies
- iv. Motivating the faculty members/research scholars to obtain the state/national/international fellowships/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/intra disciplinary research work through research cluster concept with relevant Institutions/industries.
- vii. Identifying and focusing on the challenges in the rural environment and occupations, and to carryout research on the relevant problems.
- viii. Maintaining highest standards of ethics in the research activities and also eco-friendly research campus.
- ix. Adhering the new amendments/policies/norms issued by UGC/State Government on research related matters from time to time.

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/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 programs leading to award of Ph.D. in different disciplines such as Arts, Social Sciences, Sciences, Languages, Education, Continuing Education and Management.
- v. Encourage and enable publication of research works through papers/ articles in quality journals, National/International Seminars, Conferences and Workshops.
- vi. To establish the specialized labs with appropriate equipments, tools and softwares
- vii. To factor the research excellence into career promotion opportunities to the faculty members/Scholars.

