

Preamble: The Center for Research Excellence (CRE) has been established at OP Jindal University (OPJU), Raigarh which aims to nurture research culture at the university into challenging areas of Engineering, Technology, Science, Humanities and Management, including multidisciplinary fields. The CRE is a faculty-initiated activity at OPJU designed to increase the impact and prominence of scholarly research throughout the university. Under the auspices of the University Research Committee, the CRE will promote advancement, leadership and excellence in the pursuit of all areas of research, university-wide. The core of the CRE will be a group of OPJU faculty experts who are both accomplished and committed to promoting a culture of research excellence @OPJU

Constitution of CRE: The tenure of the Assistant Dean as well as the members are generally for the duration of two years.

Assistant Dean:	Dr Ashok K Srivastava
Member:	Dr M. K. Phani, MME SOE
Member:	Dr Srikant Prasad, EEE SOE
Member:	Mr Akim Yallappa, Civil Engg SOE
Member:	Mr Siddharth Chakrabarti, Mech Engg SOE
Member:	Dr S. M. Hussain, Mathematics SOS
Member:	Dr Saket Jeswani SOM
Member:	Dr Sheshadhar Nayak SOM

Objectives:

1. Promote a culture of research and scholarship amongst the faculty
2. Become a central repository of all research related activities
3. Vet and approve all research related activities

Roles and Responsibilities of the CRE:

1. Create and report on all research activities on a periodic basis.
2. Make the research activities visible on the website and other appropriate forums.
3. Create and manage an annual faculty research budget and get it approved for each academic year.
4. The research committee will use it's annual research fund to decide on merit which proposals to fund.
5. Put in place a process to approve and fund faculty participation in conferences.
6. Create and monitor an incentive scheme for promoting research publications / patents.
7. Create a process to encourage and reward faculty engaged in research grants.
8. The research committee will formulate the rules for qualifying for the approval of grants / awards and seek the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

Implementation Rules and Regulations:

A: Attendance of Faculty Members at Conferences, Seminars, Scientific Meetings & Workshops

1. Financial support to attend a conference, seminar, scientific meeting and workshop is only provided to the permanent Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor.
2. The topic of the conference, seminar, meeting or scientific workshop should be related to the applicant's discipline or duties.
3. The applicant should have spent at least one year or more at the OP Jindal University, however the committee may recommend the application based on the performance of the applicant.

4. Participation should be in the name of the OP Jindal University and the article should be a peer reviewed article, and the event should be organized by a renowned institute/university.
5. The applicant should not be a passive participant and should have one of the following activities:
 - a) Presentation of a paper
 - b) Full length paper publication in a peer reviewed SCI/Scopus Index/UGC journal.
 - c) There should be clear evidences that the paper has been selected for presentation.
6. The topics of the conference, seminar, scientific meeting or workshop should be clear and focused and related to the interest of the university. Applicants should start making appropriate travel arrangements while awaiting approval of the request.
7. Application for national participation should be submitted one month prior to the event, similarly for foreign events, the applications should be submitted two months prior to the date of the event.
8. After attending the event, a faculty member should submit a detailed scientific report and deliver pedagogy to the Department/CRE to share the experience. The documents related to his/her deputation shall be submitted through HOD/DEAN to the HR department for updating the same into personal file.
9. The CRE may recommend one or more of the following to a faculty.
 - a) The actual registration charges for national events (ceiling of 10000=00) and for international events the reimbursement would be as per actual (ceiling of 25000=00).
 - b) The travel expenses for international event as per actual upto 50000=00.
 - c) The travel expenses for national event as per actual upto 25000=00.
10. The deputation is restricted during the period of examinations and summer duties of the universities. Candidate will be given On Duty/Special Leave.
- 11: Each faculty can apply for one academic event (either national or international) annually.

B: Incentives for outstanding research articles, projects, research proposals and patents.

Paper Publications: The University may award rupees to the corresponding author the sum of 10,000=00 per publication into SCI/Scopus Index/UGC Peer reviewed international journal recommended by CRE. Each faculty may be awarded maximum two times annually.

Patent Publication: The university may award rupees 25,000=00 to the inventor of patent publication (on the official web site of Indian or foreign patent agencies).

Externally Funded Research Projects: The university may award the sum of 10% of the total sanctioned amount, to the principal investigator (PI) and 5% of the sanctioned amount may be shared among all co-principal investigator (CO-PI). The amount will be disbursed upon successful completion of the project.

SEED Money: An amount of Rs. 25000.00 will granted to mini projects as a research support to the faculty/staff of the university. The seed money can be claimed only by one investigator of the project and should be able to provide his explanation of the claim. One project per department/school may be considered for the grant. Faculty/Staff can claim

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the seed money only once in a year. The Seed money may be granted only after the approval from the CRE Director and Vice Chancellor of the University. An amount of Rs 200000/- maximum is allocated to all department/schools. If there are no projects received from any school the amount can be utilised by remaining schools provided they get the approval from CRE team. CRE will review the fund allocation every year in the month of December.

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