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#### 1. Policy Statement

V.V.Vanniaperumal College for Women has been providing academic support to the rural womenfolk by promoting research activities, strengthening research skills, mobilizing resources, disseminating research knowledge and appreciating research achievements. The Research Academia of the College has designed and implemented Research Promotion Policy to enhance research capacities, encourage quality and innovative research pursuits and promote collaboration with industry and interaction with the community.

#### 2. Scope of the Policy

The policy serves as guidelines for the functioning of all Research Departments, the Student-Faculty Research Forum, and the accomplishment of any form of research activity. It is applicable to all faculty, students and research scholars of V.V.Vanniaperumal College for Women.

#### 3. Objectives

The College has adopted many research initiatives and strategies to materialize the following objectives.

- To create a research ambiance conducive to facilitating research work.
- To encourage faculty and students to pursue research in their respective areas of specialisation.
- To foster research culture through capacity-building programmes.
- To ensure research integrity and adherence to the code of ethics.
- To maximize the funding support for socially relevant research projects.
- To establish effective linkages and collaborations with other Educational Institutions, Universities, Industries and Society.
- To inspire faculty to publish quality research papers in journals with high-impact factors.
- To provide guidance to patentable research work and to file for the patent.

#### **4. Research Administrative Structure**

Under the guidance of the College Managing Board, the Research Advisory Committee monitors the appropriate implementation of research policy to sustain the excellence of the research endeavours.

The Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Research Ethics Committee(REC) of Research Academia steer the activities of the Research Departments, Student-Research Forum, and IPR Cell.

##### **4.1 Composition of the Research Advisory Committee:**

- The Secretary–Chairperson
- The Principal -Convener
- The Dean-Research-Co-ordinator
- External Subject Expert-Advisor
- The IQACCo-ordinator-Member
- The Dean, Science-Member
- The Dean, Arts–Member
- The Dean, Student Endeavours–Member

##### **4.1 Composition of the Research Ethics Committee**

Research Ethics Committee includes

- The members of the Research Advisory Committee
- A Medical Fraternity
- A Legal Advisor
- The Controller of Examinations
- A faculty representing the Research Departments
- A faculty representing the Departments of Life Science/ Physical Science/ Computer Science
- the Librarian of the College

#### **5 Research Principles**

Research Advisory Committee shall take the responsibility to endorse the following principles.

- 5.1 Every researcher shall have an equal opportunity of availing the provision of research facilities and logistical support.

- 5.2 Individual researchers shall be instructed to carryout research adhering to the code of ethics suggested by the Research Ethics Committee.
- 5.3 Eligible faculty shall be encouraged to apply for the Doctoral Programme, Post-Doctoral Research, Fellowships and Grants.
- 5.4 Faculty members fitting into the eligibility criteria of Madurai Kamaraj University shall be recommended to apply for the Guideship.
- 5.5 Well-resourced Departments shall be upgraded to Research Centres.
- 5.6 The activities of the Research Departments shall be monitored by Research Academia with the support of the Research Advisory Committee.
- 5.7 Necessary research infrastructure shall be created and the existing ones shall be periodically maintained to have feasible research.
- 5.8 Seminars, Conferences, Workshops, Faculty Development Programmes, and Training Programmes on emerging fields shall be funded and organized based on the need analysis, contemporary importance, and global trends.
- 5.9 The library shall be furnished with curated high-quality resources in the form of books, journals, and additionally, a digitised library for making Research materials accessible and available.
- 5.10 Multi-disciplinary research endeavours shall be promoted with the establishment of the Central Instrumentation Facility and Central Instrumentation Centre.
- 5.11 Research Ethics Committee shall draft a Code of Ethics in Research and promote academic and research integrity as well as publication ethics.
- 5.12 To ensure the ethical intellectual honesty of the researchers, the thesis submitted by the research scholars shall be approved, provided it is in compliance with the Ph.D. regulations of Madurai Kamaraj University.
- 5.13 Student Research Projects shall be evaluated by the Selection Research Advisory Committee which assesses all the parameters of data, sources, research plan, methodology and findings.
- 5.14 The College has subscribed to the anti-plagiarism software PaperRater. All the articles submitted to IMIRJ are liable for plagiarism detection. An Editorial Board of academicians shall review them and as per their recommendations, the articles shall be selected for publication.



## **6. Research Promotion Initiatives**

A periodical study of the research profile of the Department, Faculty, Students, and Research Scholars shall help in identifying research gaps and implementing means of support in the following ways.

- 6.1 Both UG and PG students shall carryout a short-term in-house project.
- 6.2 In-house products such as software for College Administration and Database Maintenance shall be developed from student research Activities.
- 6.3 Communications of call for research proposals to acquire research Grants from governmental and non-governmental sources shall be shared with faculty.
- 6.4 The PG students shall be encouraged to take up projects and Research Scholars are intimated to apply for grants and fellowships funded by Government Organisations.
- 6.5 Student-Faculty Research Forum shall conduct a seminar annually to invigorate the student researchers towards presenting their research work and thereby hone their research acumen.
- 6.6 Financial assistance shall be given to each Department for inviting eminent stalwarts of respective disciplines and enabling greater access to external sources of knowledge.
- 6.7 Faculty shall be sensitized on the funding agencies, research proposal writing strategies, consultancy services, membership in professional bodies and intellectual property rights through the conduct of awareness programmes.
- 6.8 Faculty and students shall be motivated to provide research-based consultancy to industries and organisations.
- 6.9 Revenue generated from a consultancy shall be utilized for the promotion of research activities.
- 6.10 The Departments shall be suggested potential industries and Organisations to launch collaboration as per the MOUs signed.
- 6.11 A peer-reviewed Biannual International Multidisciplinary Innovative Research Journal (IMIRJ) with ISSN 2456-4613 shall publish quality Research articles periodically to promote research as an integral part of Academic pursuits.

## 6.a. Research Incentives

S.No.	Research Activity	Incentive(Rs.)
i)	Publication in Scopus Indexed Journals <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Author with institutional name</li><li>• Co-author</li><li>• Multiple Authors</li><li>• First Author in the name of other institution</li></ul>	Rs.5000/- Rs.3000/- Rs.1000/- Rs.2000/-
ii)	Publication in UGC-CARE listed Journal	Rs.1000/-
iii)	Publication of Books/Chapters in Books with ISBN	Rs.2000/
iv)	Attending International Conferences & Paper Presentations	50% of the registration fee
v)	For membership in Professional Bodies	100% of the registration fee

## 6.b Seed Money Assistance System

- 6.b.i The College shall extend financial assistance to the faculty of self- finance courses for presenting research papers at International Conferences and publishing research articles in UGC-CARE listed, Scopus-indexed, Web of Science Journals, and soon.
- 6.b.ii Faculty shall be permitted to avail of sabbatical leave of a maximum of 35 days for completing Ph.D. research work.
- 6.b.iii A grant of the research seed money shall be given to the faculty members whose Minor Research Project proposals are selected under the “VVVCMB-MRP Scheme”.
- 6.b.iv The call for research proposals shall be made by Dean Research in the month of May and December every year.
- 6.b.v All proposals received shall be evaluated for their quality by a panel of Reviewers and recommended applicants shall be given the seed grant.
- 6.b.vi The project period is one year/one and a half years from the date of sanction and is expected to be carried out by the faculty herself. Hence no manpower would be supported in the Grant.
- 6.b.vii The grantee shall submit the Project Completion Report (PCR) along with the Utilisation Certificate(UC)to the Research Academia within the stipulated time.
- 6.b.viii The report shall be scrutinised by the Committee for its innovation and validation of findings with reference to the social issue addressed by the project.
- 6.b.ix The grantee shall disseminate her valuable findings either as a presentation in National or International Seminars/ Conferences or as a publication in reputed Journals.

6.b.x If the report is not submitted within the stipulated time, the principal investigator must report to the Research Advisory Committee.

## 7 Institution Innovation Cell

7.1 Institution Innovation Cell shall recognize aspiring student entrepreneurs and supports them to establish their new start-up companies.

## 8 Intellectual Property Right Cell

- 8.1 IPR Cell shall identify the innovators and provides them support to bring out patentable product.
- 8.2 It shall function along with Research Academia and direct the researcher to avail the patent and to get industrial collaboration.



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