

THE GANDHIGRAM RURAL INSTITUTE - DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY

GANDHIGRAM - 624 302, DINDIGUL DISTRICT, TAMIL NADU

RESEARCH POLICY

The Gandhigram Rural Institute (GRI) adopts a three pronged Educational strategy comprising of Teaching, Research and Extension. Generation of new knowledge being the mandate of higher educational institution, GRI rightly emphasizes on creating a vibrant research atmosphere ensuring the climate of academic freedom, freedom of inquiry, the right to disseminate the results and the privilege of conducting research on Societal and Nation's needs with the view to contribute for the growth and development of humanity as a whole and towards Integrated Rural Development addressing Rural issues and problems (Development) either directly / indirectly through creation of value based society encompassing Gandhian ideologies in particular.

OBJECTIVES

- i. To create and foster an ambience for research throughout and at all levels in the Institute.
- ii. To contribute towards the needs of the Nation/State/Region by undertaking scientific and action research.
- iii. To ensure the data and records are accurate, authentic and reliable.
- iv. To build up a broad research framework encompassing the various aspects including innovation, strategies and administration.
- v. To enhance the efficiency in undertaking research activities by creating a support system and
- vi. To encourage faculty members to mobilize funds / resources from National / International sources through collaborative avenues from within or with other agencies/organizations/individuals.



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1. UNDERTAKING RESEARCH

Research is the mandatory activity of faculty members of Gandhigram Rural Institute which can result in quality publications in Internationally acclaimed journals and presentations in National/International Conferences/Seminars, quality presentations in meetings and training programs, generation of patents/products which are directly / indirectly useful to the society/industry, enhancement of livelihood options, quality of rural life and other similar research ventures. The research activity can be in the domains of knowledge of both traditional and contemporary and in cutting edge areas across all disciplines. Innovations towards Integrated Rural Development through creation of value based society encompassing Gandhian ideologies are given prominence.

2. RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

The guidelines on academic programs for research will be based on MHRD/UGC guidelines and as approved by Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the institute. The recommendations of the RAC will be placed before academic council for approval. The implementation of the regulations will be based on the Board of Management (BOM) directives. The Research programmes will be coordinated by the Dean/Head/ /Director/ Coordinator at the School/Department/Centre.

3. FACULTY RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION

Research being the mandatory activity of the institute, the recruitment of faculty members and promotional avenues will be based on the accomplishments in research as stipulated by UGC and other statutory bodies. The assessment of research accomplishments will be based on MHRD/UGC guidelines issued from time to time.

4. RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS

The Faculty is encouraged to mobilize resources from National and International Funding agencies either individually or in collaboration with faculty members of this institute or other institutes with the approval of the authorities for financial assistance. The funds mobilized will be routed through the regular administrative channels of the



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institute and it is the responsibility of the researcher to complete the project on time and within the allocated budget fulfilling all the objectives of the project and adhering to the stipulations of the funding agencies. The Administration of the projects will be coordinated by a designated section in the administrative office under the supervision of Director (R&D) with the overall control of Registrar. Any dispute arising out of the project is binding on the researcher and not on the institute.

5. SEED MONEY

Authorities of the Institute, depending on the availability of the financial resources may sanction seed money to the researchers based on the guidelines stipulated from time to time.

6. RESEARCH DATA

- i. It shall be the responsibility of the researcher to collect data concerning human and animal subjects in accordance with the regulatory framework governing the use of human/animal subjects.
- ii. In the collection and use of data, the laws governing the access to privacy and personal information shall be respected.
- iii. The Researcher shall subject the data of his/her research work to a verification process by a third party, if need be.
- iv. The Data shall be retained by the researcher for a specific period stipulated by the funding agency (or) for a period of 5 years from the publication of data.

7. RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- i. The Institute encourages the publication of research articles by the faculty, research scholars and students in journals of repute. The publications are ought to be in UGC recognized journals.
- ii. Presentations at the National and International academic meets are also encouraged.



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- iii. The Schools/ Departments/ Centres are also encouraged to bring out quality journals/ Books through their faculty with the permission of the authorities.

8. RESEARCH AWARD

The Institute shall encourage the faculty members to embark on research activities by instituting the research awards for faculty, scholars and students. The guidelines for research awards will be framed by the committee appointed for that purpose by the authorities of the Institute.

9. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH


The Researcher shall collaborate with peers/Institutions to undertake collaborative interdisciplinary research with the approval of the authorities. It is preferable to reach agreement so that the rights and use of research output/data shall not lead to any dispute. Further the ownership of intellectual property rights may be well defined in the agreement itself.

10. COMMERCIALIZATION OF RESEARCH

The Researcher with the due approval of the collaborators, if any and the permission of the sponsoring agencies and with the approval of the authorities of the Institute, shall seek to develop the research products/outcome into a commercial venture through venture capital scheme (or) incubation units (or) through agreed regulations of the institute.

11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

It is the policy of the institute to encourage the faculty members to patent their research products through Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) framework. The Institute shall support such endeavors for patent verification, filing and examination through IPR cell.


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12. PLAGIARISM

It shall be the responsibility of the researcher to ensure that he/she does not engage in plagiarism. With respect to the plagiarism, the regulations of UGC as approved by the authorities of the Institute shall be binding on the researcher.

13. RESEARCH ETHICS

The Researcher shall follow the ethical code of conduct prescribed by the Institute in the adoption of research practices, conduct of research with animal and human subjects which come under the regulatory framework available. The researcher shall conform to all ethical principles in the publication of research work also.

14. RESEARCH MISCONDUCT

- i. The Researcher shall comply with regulatory framework governing the conflicts of interest and consulting activities.
- ii. The Researcher shall not involve in any misconduct with regard to the research activities and will be governed by the disciplinary rules of the Institute.
- iii. The Institute reserves the right to undertake any steps for ensuring integrity & honesty by taking suitable steps against the individual or group, wherever required.

15. CUSTODIAN OF POLICY

The Research policy of the Institute will be reviewed every 3 years or as and when required by the authorities. The Institute has the right to modify or bring a new policy of research. The Registrar, GRI will be the custodian of the policy.



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