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Research Policy

VTMNSS College is a vanguard institution established by Nair Service Society in 1964 to provide congenial ambience for academic pursuits to the students from the remote areas of Southern Kerala. Research plays a pivotal role in the voyage of discovery of profound knowledge. The Research and development cell of VTMNSS College strives to ensure the quality of research while facilitating new policies to improve the research environment. The Research Policy of the college forms a conceptual framework within which the definition, interpretation and execution of all research activities of the institution are confined and also aims to create a research focused aptitude and culture to evolve a scientific temper for all staff and learners in accordance with the vision and mission of the college. It also aims to ensure productive research activities of the college conferring to all rules and regulations as well as the ethical conduct of research in compliance with the University Grants commission. An inalienable role of the research policy is to make sure that our research is never restrained within our walls, always promoting our axiom of putting nature and humanity first, developing and innovating for the need of the masses while conserving the nature with an environmentally sustainable procedural approach.

Purpose

- To promote knowledge acquisition and its application and to create an exuberant research culture in the institution.

- To support and enhance research activities contributing to social development.
- To identify and update research domains in newly emerging and challenging areas.
- To keep pace with environmental and technological developments.
- To facilitate the growth of the individual and also of the institution by favoring intellectual advancement.

Scope

The Research Policy is applicable to all UG & PG students and to all permanent and temporary staff of the college. It forms the basis for the functioning of the Research and Development wing of the institution.

Objectives

The college has laid out a distinct research policy which acts as a guideline for the faculty members, students, scholars and all other concerned personnel to create a vibrant atmosphere of research and to provide a modality for proper synchronization of all research activities of the college.

- To prepare and constantly update the research agenda of the college.
- To promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research covering more than one knowledge domain.
- To develop rules, procedures and guidelines for granting research support.
- To draw up and implement a research code, which informs all staff and students about the ethical and legal norms to be followed during the conduct of research.
- To encourage, promote and facilitate the faculty in undertaking research by collaborating with other research organisations and industries.
- To aid students and faculty in applying for and receiving funding from various international, national and local funding agencies to do research.
- To make efforts towards improving the research infrastructure.
- To provide facilities to the underprivileged from other institutions who are interested in research.
- To conduct periodic assessment and evaluation of research activities of the college.

- To safeguard the academic freedom to take up research projects.
- To encourage faculty to create a network with other universities and establish MoUs.
- To cultivate an environment for undertaking socially relevant research with potential for commercialisation.
- To organize seminars, workshops and conferences to initiate discussions, to confront assumptions and to generate novel ideas.
- To take initiative to develop the research output in an innovative form resulting in patents.
- To inspire and promote the publication of research articles by the faculty in UGC CARE listed journals and also make it available to the masses.
- To develop and devise an official Code of Ethics to check malpractices and plagiarism in research.
- To formulate rules and guidelines for granting research support.
- To bring together the existing knowledge of the leading figures of social awakening in the nationalist movement and the communist movement based on local and regional research.
- To identify the problems and processes of gender roles and encourage constructive activities for women empowerment in the locale.
- To identify monuments, remnants of royal heritage and historically significant places of worship in the region and make efforts to restore and strengthen the cultural and historical value of the region.
- To look into the great tradition of struggles and agitations of the commoner class for rights and equality.

Guidelines

- All project proposals to the funding agencies should be submitted through the Research and Development cell.
- All financial liabilities of the sponsored projects shall be laid down by the Principal Investigator (PI).
- The Principal Investigator (PI) should follow the Financial Rules of Centre and State Government for the purchase of books, journals and equipment in stipulations with the funding agency.

- Researcher/Principal Investigator must submit a copy of the thesis/ project report (print and soft) to the Research and Development cell.
- The State, National and International level conferences shall be organised through the Research and Development cell.
- In all the publications it is mandatory for the staff and the students to acknowledge the affiliation of the institution.
- The article for publication must be authentic and devoid of plagiarism.
- All Research Guides/Scholars must follow the anti-plagiarism guidelines published by the University of Kerala
- The applications for patents/licenses related to research outputs should be passed through the Research and Development cell.
- Faculty, researchers and postgraduate researchers should adhere to highest ethical standards of conduct.
- All conflicts among research scholars must be settled via the Research and Development cell.
- All post graduate students should present their projects in the session allotted in the conference held annually.
- Interested UG students can also present their projects in the annual research conference.
- The PG departments should encourage their students to take up minor research projects, thereby improving their research preparedness.
- Ethics Committee of the College ensures the abidance of research protocols for the use of humans and animals.
- A copy of all published works of all departments should be submitted to the Research and Development cell.

Annual Research Conference

The Research and Development cell hosts Annual Research Conference of Science, Social Science, Commerce, Arts and Literature – ARCSSCAL every year and publishes the proceedings and by virtue the full papers as books with ISBN numbers covering all disciplines including the entire spectrum of academia, thus providing an opportunity to faculty and students to get their scholarly articles published.

Endowments

- The best 10 PG projects will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 1000/ each.
- Outstanding Research Paper Award for Faculty: The best Research paper will be awarded Rs. 2000/ per stream (Science, Arts, Humanities and Commerce)
- The best presentation from each stream during ARCSSCAL (Annual Research Conference of Science, Social Science, Commerce, Arts and Literature) will be awarded Rs. 2000/.
- Partial assistance will be provided to teachers to attend and present papers in various national and international conferences.

Code of Ethics

An ethics committee is constituted in the college to monitor non-compliance of ethical practices and to take corrective measures. The committee also reviews research proposals to ensure that they follow ethical standards and guidelines.




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