

Shree Somnath Sanskrit University

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Research Policy

Rules & Regulations governing Research Policy of Shree Somnath Sanskrit University – Veraval are as per the following U.G.C. Regulations/Gazettes:

1. University Grants Commission's Policy and Programme for Improvement of Research in the Universities of 1984.
2. University Grants Commission's Research & Publication Ethics of 2019.

Research Policy No. 01

General

The goodwill and reputation of any academic institution of higher learning is dependent upon the quality of scholarship, pedagogy and research output it maintains and inculcates. Accordingly, the teaching community, academic activities and learning environment in the University are tuned to achieve these objectives. The present research policy aims to spell out the research priorities of this University in terms of its objectives, focused areas, research programmes, potential etc.

Research Policy No. 02

Purpose

The purpose of research policy is to create a vibrant atmosphere of research among faculty and research scholars in the campus and research centre/s of Shree Somnath Sanskrit University, Veraval.

Research Policy No. 03

Objectives

The broad framework is intended to guide research, its scholarly quality and integrity in all levels of in and out the University. The objectives of policy are as follows:

- i) To promote research, innovation and intellectual capital,
- ii) To ensure integrity, quality and ethics in research,
- iii) To integrate teaching and research through translational and instructional research,
- iv) To incentivize the generation of intellectual capital,
- v) To consolidate and initiate intellectual dialogues between Sanskrit and other knowledge traditions, Indian, Eastern and Western,
- vi) To document and archive the knowledge, linguistic, philosophical and performance traditions of Gujarat,
- vii) To make the academic community capable of developing an intense engagement with the social and cultural situations,
- viii) To ensure high level of efficient and effective support system to facilitate faculty and researchers in their research activities,
- ix) To establish new research centres in regional campuses,
- x) To ensure publications in quality journals, indexed in Scopus/Web of science and/or with impact factor,
- xi) To forge interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships nationally and internationally,
- xii) To provide a Research Regulations for the University and formulate guidelines to carry out various objectives of the Research Committee,
- xiii) To consolidate information on faculty Research projects funded by the University under various schemes,
- xiv) To consolidate information on Research funded by sources outside the University,
- xv) To provide overall guidance to Ph.D./M.Phil. Courses and regulations related to it,
- xvi) To administer various grants and fellowships under schemes accepted by the University

- xvii) To explore funding sources in India and abroad and create linkages as desirable, correlated with the activities of research,
- xviii) To generate an overall Research Profile of the University, and periodically review the output, identify gap areas and examine means of supporting research in deserving cases and emerging areas.

Research Policy No. 04

Promotion of Research

The researchers are free to choose the areas and topic of their research, to seek academic and financial support from any institution for their research work, and to freely report and publish their findings and conclusions. However, research shall undergo processes of academic scrutiny and rigorous peer review. Research techniques used by the researchers shall not violate intellectual property rights, and established professional ethics pertaining to the health, safety, privacy, and other personal rights of human beings or to the infliction of injury or pain on animals. The promotional areas of Research in this University are as under:

- 1) The University is committed to create a conducive environment for research. It shall allocate wherever possible necessary space, facilities, funding, and other resources for research programmes based on the scholarly and academic merits of the proposed research. It shall also provide developmental opportunities to researchers for writing research proposals and reports, publications, patent filing, etc.
- 2) The research works leading to Ph.D. degree should have a continuity and extension in the form of Post-Doctoral research opportunities in the Research Section of the University. Faculty who are desirous of completing in depth research work shall be granted sabbatical Leave in accordance with the regulations of the University. Although the researchers are free to choose their own topics of research, it is highly desirable to make research socially relevant and in tune with the academic vision of the University.
- 3) The University shall pursue collaborations at the local, national and international levels to strengthen and enrich its research programmes and projects. The University shall earmark appropriate budget for scholarship and research facilities for students exchange programmes and residencies in different institutions. It shall also recognize the reputed Research Organizations/Centres for doctoral research and build bridges with them. The University shall continue to encourage faculty and research scholars to get funding for attending International conferences from external agencies as a matching share so that the quality in research paper can be improved. It shall urge research scholars to publish and patent their research work.
- 4) Overall management of research activities shall be coordinated by the Research Officer and it shall be governed by the Research Committee of the University.
- 5) The implementation and updating of research policy shall be carried out by the Research Committee of the University.
- 6) Research output will be considered one of the criteria for faculty recruitment and placement/promotion along with other academic responsibilities.

Research Policy No. 05

Research Projects

In its mission to encourage young faculty to conduct research, the University shall promote them to develop Research Project proposals and projects. The faculty members shall prepare such Research Projects, which will be submitted to an Academic Committee for approval. Based on the recommendations of this committee the University shall give financial assistance to the faculty concerned. There shall be periodical assessments for all such research projects in order to guide and monitor the researcher by an academic committee constituted for the purpose. It is also mandatory to send a quarterly progress report of such Research Project to the University. For this purpose, every year the University earmarks financial budget under each department/regional centre

The University shall also identify a list of potential funding agencies for major research projects. The faculty can submit Major Research Project proposals to these agencies through the University. These

proposals are scrutinised before submitting the same to a funding agency. The University provides all kinds of infrastructure facilities available for conducting a Major Research Project.

The University shall evolve a mechanism through which it shall monitor the progress of Major Research Projects funded by an external agency, maintain its accounts and submit the utilising certificate in time to the funding agency as per the requirement of the funding agency. The University shall provide funding on its own to certain important Major Research Projects where the funding from the outside agency is not possible. It shall earmark appropriate budget for this purpose. The structure and orientation of Research in the University can broadly be envisioned in the following way-

A. Collaborative Research: For any University to grow and reach out to a larger academic community, institutional collaborations are inevitable. If we want to contribute to the society at large, the University has to partner with different academic and cultural organizations. Such collaboration and partnering will be of immense help to create synergies that will help both. For this, an organization can sponsor a project and the experts of the Institution concerned can conduct research on this project. The financial support for such research shall be borne by the organization concerned. Any income generated out of the patent/copyright shall be shared between the organization, researcher and the University. This will lead to three kinds of benefit: a) the researcher will get exposures to the concerned area of research; and b) the Organization will get academic support, research input; and c) the larger society will benefit from such academic exercises.

B. Interdisciplinary Research: Today, interdisciplinary research is the norm, and no institution, discipline, researcher or scholar can address a research problem without involving or engaging with more than one discipline. Therefore, the University shall promote interdisciplinary research activities for which the following steps will be taken: a) Identify the interdisciplinary area. b) Identify the different experts from concerned disciplines who can work together. c) Study the requirement of the infrastructure to conduct the concerned interdisciplinary research. d) Explore possibilities to find resources for such interdisciplinary research.

C. Regional and Indigenous Research : Research works carried out from broad perspectives have to be supplemented and strengthened with researches carried out with emphasis on regional and local milieu. Such researches can surely lead to innovative and path breaking results which will be a unique contribution of the University. Equally important are the research schemes with a thrust on the indigenous modes of intellectual and cultural legacy.

Research Policy No. 05

Research Responsibilities

1. Create a Research Profile of the University
2. Formulating/updating Research Regulations of the University
3. Research & Development Grant
4. Innovation Projects
5. Research Projects – Other National and International Grants
6. PhD & M. Phil Programmes , Ph.D. registration and their extensions
7. SHODH Scheme (Government of Gujarat)
8. Ph.D. Scholarships- JRF, RGNF etc.
9. MoUs
