



PERIYAR UNIVERSITY

Salem- 636011, Tamil Nadu, India

Research Policy of Periyar University

University at a Glance

Periyar University is a state University established by the Government of Tamil Nadu in 1997. The University Grants Commission, New Delhi has recognized this University under 2(f) and 12(B). The NAAC accredited the University with “A” grade and bagged 83rd rank from among the Universities of India in NIRF 2020 by MHRD. The University secured 4th in ATAL rank. The University has established 27 departments of teaching and research besides 106 affiliated colleges and one Post Graduate Extension Centre at Dharmapuri.

Purpose

Research is the foundation of knowledge that brings new energy, builds state of the arts facilities, promotes research publications and develops collaborations. The purpose of the research policy is to create a vibrant atmosphere of research among the faculty and research scholars of Periyar University. This policy will be a frame work within which research activities are to be carried out in the University departments, research centers and in the approved research institutes.

Objectives

- ❖ To create an environment within the University to foster a research culture.
- ❖ To enhance the instrumentation and computational facilities.
- ❖ Subscribing more online journals, e-contents and database.
- ❖ Motivating the faculty and research scholars to publish quality research papers and articles which are indexed in Scopus / Web of Science and other recognized journals with reasonable impact factor which will contribute in the ranking and the reputation of the University.
- ❖ To strengthen the central instrumentation facility with sophisticated analytical instruments.

- ❖ To establish centers with potential for excellence.
- ❖ Encouraging the faculty members to apply for sponsored research projects.
- ❖ Supporting the departments to obtain grants from the national / international funding agencies.
- ❖ Creating culture of interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships to take-up multidisciplinary research.
- ❖ University funding to undertake the research for the socially related programmes.
- ❖ To encourage the faculty of the departments to file patent with national and international agencies.
- ❖ Supporting the departments to carryout industrial collaborative research.
- ❖ Establishing incubation centres in the braches of applied sciences, management studies, commerce and in vocational programmes.
- ❖ Inviting the small scale industries and self help groups for making products in collaboration with the incubation centres of Periyar University.
- ❖ To motivate the teachers and research scholars to engage consultancy with industrial partners and business entrepreneurs.
- ❖ To encourage the faculty and research scholars to take up innovative research that can culminate into technological importance.
- ❖ Supporting the candidates by providing stipend through University research fellowships and postdoctoral fellowships.
- ❖ Instituting research awards annually.
- ❖ Expecting at least two good quality research papers per faculty per year.
- ❖ Providing sufficient funds to each department to organize at least one national seminar / conferences by inviting profound scholars.
- ❖ Arranging faculty lectures and faculty training programmes to update the current academic and research trends.
- ❖ Providing funds to invite five renowned professors every year from foreign Universities to our campus for strengthening the collaborations.
- ❖ Providing facilities to the renowned Professors who are awarded prestigious fellowships after retirement.

- ❖ Extending travel assistance to the faculty and research scholars to visit abroad for attending conferences and seminars.
- ❖ Facilitating the research scholar's to take up internship in the premier national scientific laboratories and institutions.
- ❖ Creating cells and centres for concentrating research in the specified areas.
- ❖ Encouraging faculty members to pursue post doctoral research with international laboratories through fellowships and exchange programmes.
- ❖ Providing additional manpower to the departments with higher research intensity and research outputs.
- ❖ Encouraging MoUs with other Universities / industries in India and Abroad.
- ❖ Organize training programmes and workshops in research methodology for the research scholars.

Board of Research Studies (BORS)

The University constituted a Board of Research Studies (BORS) comprising of University Professors (Internal), Eminent Professors and Scientist from other Universities (External), Industrial Experts and some special invitees. The Vice Chancellor is the chairman of the Board of Research Studies. The BORS meeting will be periodically convened by the order of the vice chancellor as and when required.

The approval of research centres / institutions and the guide ship for the faculty members are discussed in this forum based on the recommendations of the expert committee constituted for that purposes. Further, BORS is the recommendatory body to the syndicate with regard to the qualifications, eligibility norms, evolution procedures etc., of the research programmes and to adopt the regulations of the University Grants Commission for the admissions of the research programmes and other related guidelines. The grievances of the research scholars and supervisors are discussed and remedial actions will be initiated based on the resolutions of the board.

Coordinator for Research and Development

A separate wing is established to coordinate the research and development activities of the departments. The registration of candidates, approval of guide ship, constitution of doctoral committee, approving the course work, progress work of the candidates, submission of synopsis and evaluation of thesis are the assignments carried-out by the

office of the Research and Development. A faculty member is nominated as a coordinator to coordinate all these activities.

The Periyar University regulations for M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes are framed as per the guidelines of the University Grants Commission and its uploaded in the University website for the benefit of the faculty and students. All the necessary information and Proforma are available in the University website.

Grievance Redressal Committee

A grievance redressal committee with the heads of the department as members is in vogue to address the issues of the research scholars and the guides. The permission for change of research centres, guides, etc. are also taken care by the grievance redressal committee.

Policy for Plagiarism

Periyar University is strictly following the ethical guidelines and plagiarism policies of the University Grants Commission. The University has established a plagiarism check in the University library and the Ph.D. thesis are screened to find out the percentage of plagiarism. The candidates have to obtain a certificate in this regard from the competent authority before submission of the thesis. The self citations and references by the candidates are exempted from the plagiarism check. In Periyar University the plagiarism is restricted upto 20%. The theses submitted to Periyar University are uploaded in the Shodhganga – a reservoir of Indian theses @ INFLIBNET.

