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1.0. Introduction

Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University), has been effectively catering to the educational needs of the state of Arunachal Pradesh and the neighbouring states in the North East Region (NER) since 1984. Long years of concerted efforts have resulted in qualitative progress in the overall standards of research in the University. The rising number of publications in terms of books and research articles in the university reflects on the robust research activity. Rajiv Gandhi University is essentially concerned with research and endeavors to maintain high standards in teaching and research for Quantitative and qualitative academic progress. It encourages the faculty members/research scholars to undertake Minor /Major sponsored research projects in sciences ,Engineering & Technology ,Agriculture, Humanities, Social Science, Languages, Literature, Arts, Law and allied discipline, offered by various funding agency across the country for academic excellence, social growth, and development of learning and cultural pursuits for future development. In order to promote research, the university offers free coaching to registered Post graduate ST/SC students and research scholars to qualify national tests i.e. NTA, NET, SLET and CSIR.

2.0. Objectives

The objectives of the present policy are:

1. To provide innovative opportunities to faculty members/Research scientists to engage themselves in important research projects.
2. To provide facilities to write books about their research or significant studies;
3. To assist young scholars/young teachers/scientists who have shown sufficient promise and competence for research work;
4. To assist doctoral /Postdoctoral scholars to pursue and complete their doctoral studies as per the guidelines and suitability of the funding agency.

3.0. Sponsored Project (UGC/CSIR/DST/ICAR/DBT/ICMR etc.)

All research projects undertaken at the Rajiv Gandhi University will be regulated by involving the Head and Dean of the concerned Department(s) and Faculty(s) through the Project Finance Cell of the University, subject to the ratification by the competent authority as the case may be. The Principal Investigator / Co-Principal Investigator (P.I.s. / CO-P.I.s.) of every sponsored Project shall be held accountable to complete the undertaken research project in conformity with the terms and conditions, guidelines and other prescribed norms by the sponsored organization(s) /Agency(s). The project and the fund thereof may be utilized by the

P.I.s till the date of retirement on superannuation or otherwise or till the date of his/her re-employment whichever is later. All the sponsored/ self-acquired directly awarded projects to the university attract overhead Charges as per the **existing UGC guidelines**.

4.0. Funding Opportunity

Individual faculty member can explore the funding opportunities by their own some of the Funduning Opportunities are given below:

- a. STARS/MHRD-Scheme for Transformational and Advance Research in Sciences (STARS)
- b. IMPRINT/MHRD-Impacting Research Innovation and Technology (IMPRINT)
- c. IMPRESS/ICSSR-IMPACTFUL Policy Research in Social Science (IMPRESS)
- d. SPARK/MHRD)-Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC)

5.0. Rajiv Gandhi University Fellowship (RGUF)

Rajiv Gandhi University is dedicated to achieving excellence across a broad range of disciplines, acquiring knowledge and promoting economic growth, social advancement and scientific development. Therefore, the need for hours is to promote the culture of innovation, research and development amongst young students, pursuing research projects so that the young minds start their professional carrier well-organized, well-planned and well-prepared with innovative ideas and skills. Therefore, in order to augment research potential, Rajiv Gandhi University provides fellowship to those admitted to the M.Phil. / Ph.D. programmes of study, subject to the students concerned making satisfactory progress. The University has an established procedure and schedule (see the Ordinance) relating to the award of the Degree of Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) / Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Terms and Conditions for RGUF

The award of Rajiv Gandhi University Research Fellowship shall be governed by the prescribed UGC guidelines and endorsement from the competent authority of the university. The scholars concerned shall be submitting six monthly reports of the research work undertaken to their respective departments. The total duration of Rajiv Gandhi University Research Fellowship will be three years initially and will be extendable by one year or as the case may be otherwise, the students concerned making satisfactory progress.

Purpose

To provide an opportunity to research students to undertake advanced study and research leading to either the M.Phil. or Ph.D. degree in Sciences, the Humanities and social sciences and other disciplines.

Selection

The selection of Research Fellows shall be made on merits and on the recommendations of a selection Committee appointed for the purpose. The selection will be made once a year before the commencement of the semester each year.

6.0. Outreach Programme

Rajiv Gandhi University has instituted an innovative research outreach programme to identify innovative and creative research projects undertaken by university teachers in their respective areas of research. The university offers short-term, minor projects to promote young teachers. In order to encourage, Seed money is provided to outstanding projects to do research work independently as per the **guidelines and availability of the fund**. The objective is to engage the skills and competence of young teachers for research at a higher level of scholarship. Only Rajiv Gandhi University teachers are eligible to avail of this scheme.

7.0. JRFs/Project Fellow

A candidate seeking selection as JRF/Project Fellow must possess/have cleared the NTA/NET by UGC/CSIR/ICAR/DBT/ICMR/GATE. The tenure and fellowship amount for the project Fellow shall be determined as per the rules and regulations of the funding agency.

8.0. Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration

It aims at improving the research by facilitating Academic and research collaboration between Rajiv Gandhi University and the best institution of India and abroad. In order to facilitate relevant research, Rajiv Gandhi University strives to strengthen collaboration with Indian research groups so that scholar and students of RGU may interact with the best minds in India and abroad. The university collaborating with universities across the world in research projects, conferences and publications'. The University has many active memorandum of understanding (MOUs) with leading national and international universities and institutions for collaborative research and specialized higher studies. Under this provision it has concluded MOUs with IGNOU, New Delhi; Makais, Kolkata; Sodhganga (INFLIBNET) and RIHN, Kyoto; University of Missouri, Columbia; Semnan University, Iran; and with a view to promoting systematic study and research in various discipline.

Important Objectives for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration

- Visits of international faculties/researchers to pursue teaching and research. Visits by RGU students/scholars for training and experimentation in well-equipped laboratories.
- Visit by RGU faculty to foreign institutes.
- Joint research project between RGU and foreign institute.
- Joint development of course, books, monographs and action-oriented research outcomes and products.

9.0. Research Publications

Rajiv Gandhi University publishes two research journals, one each in English “**Rajiv Gandhi University Research Journal**” and Hindi, **Arun Prabha** which is registered under ISSN. The research papers and articles of the college and university teachers are published. These two Journals have become a reputed one among the scholars. Various authors contribute to the journals by submitting Research papers that illustrate research results, Projects, surveying works and academic experiences. These two journals intended, in its publications, to stimulate new research ideas from the research findings. The journal publishes original research of such high standard as to attract contributions from the relevant local, regional and international academic communities.