Research Policy

Preamble

The present research policy aims to help Goa University (hereafter GU) achieve excellence in research and contribute to societal upliftment. The policy will be implemented by Directorate of Research Development and Resource Mobilization (DRDRM) of GU.

Objectives

This policy provides an overarching framework for all research and scholarly inquires carried out at the GU. The objectives of policy are as follows:

i) To promote research and innovation,

ii) To ensure integrity, quality and ethics in research,

iii) To incentivize the enhancement of intellectual capital, and

iv) To facilitate national and international research collaborations and partnerships

v) To encourage consultancy and industry-academe collaboration

Promotion of Research and Innovation

The GU grants freedom to its students and faculty, (I) to carry out research in their chosen field, (II) to approach any funding agency to seek support for their research work, and (III) to report their findings and conclusions freely. However, the GU reserves the right to (a) scrutinize the research proposal and the findings, and (b) make it available for constructive criticism of peers. GU also expects that researchers shall not violate established professional ethics, norms pertaining to the health, safety, privacy, and other personal rights of human beings or to the infliction of injury or pain on animals.

The University shall strive to create a conducive environment for research. The University to the extent feasible, support all research to be undertaken, by allocating the space, facilities and other resources for research programmes based on the scholarly and educational merits of the proposed research. It shall also provide development opportunities to researchers for writing research proposals and reports, publications, patent filing, etc.

Identification of Thrust Areas

Although the researchers have the freedom to choose their own topics of research, it is highly desirable to make research socially relevant. The University expects the different departments to have a thrust area of research, with a view to be focused in their efforts.

Seed Money for Research

To initiate research activities of its young faculty members University provides a startup grant at the time of their joining. The University shall also provide administrative and financial assistance to submit and defend research projects funded by external agencies.

Research Projects

A faculty member can submit a research project to any government or non-government agency. Every research proposal has to be submitted for GU's approval through the DRDRM which will maintain an up-to-date record of all submitted as well as sanctioned research projects. The University may monitor

the progress, maintain its accounts and submit the utilization certificate in time to the funding agency for all funded research projects.

University encourages students and faculty members to report findings from a research project either as a publication or patent.

Publication of Papers in Journals

Faculty members shall be expected to publish their research in refereed national and international journals. Except in case of Indian languages, it is expected that the journals are indexed in SCOPUS (Elsevier) and/or Web of Knowledge (Clarivate Analytics).

In order the improve quality of research publications, University shall provide incentive for all such publications that appear in SCOPUS (Elsevier) and/or Web of Knowledge (Clarivate Analytics) indexed journal.

Consultancy and sponsored research

Goa University encourages its faculty to take up sponsored research and consultancy assignments and projects. All consultancy activities will be governed by statutes as updated from time to time (currently SA-38). Any intellectual property arising out of sponsored research will be owned jointly by the University and the sponsor.

Patent and IPR

The University encourages its research community to file for patents arising out of their work for which a separate statute is already available (currently SA-39). The application for filing patent will have to be submitted to GU's Intellectual Property Assessment Committee for a scrutiny.

Expenses for filing patent, sharing of revenue in case a patent is commercialized shall be done as per statutory provisions. The University shall create awareness about intellectual property rights among faculty, researchers and scholars from time to time.

Collaborative National & International Research

University encourages its faculty members to conduct collaborative research with their peers from reputed national and international Universities and Institutions. The University may also sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with prominent Universities and Research Institutions, for conducting joint research in the areas of common interest.

Research Misconduct

Research misconduct is defined as any fabrication, falsification or plagiarism in proposing, performing or reviewing research or in the reporting results of research. Research misconduct does not include an honest error or difference of opinion, authorship dispute that do not involve plagiarism, and violations of other University policies (e.g., sexual harassment policy). The University believes that the occurrence of misconduct is a threat to the basic principles of research. The University shall put in place a mechanism for taking action on all allegations of misconduct, and shall ensure that the procedures for the inquiry, investigation and adjudication of any misconduct are well defined and just for all parties involved.