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RESEARCH PROMOTION POLICY

VISION:

Empowering Women through Knowledge, Innovation, and Research for Sustainable Development.

INTRODUCTION

In recognition of the pivotal role that research plays in academic excellence and societal advancement, Vivekanandha College of Arts and Sciences for Women (Autonomous) is committed to fostering a vibrant research culture. This Research Promotion Policy is designed to encourage and support faculty and students in engaging in meaningful research activities that contribute to knowledge enhancement, skill development, and societal impact.

OBJECTIVES:

Foster a Research-Friendly Environment:

- ✓ Create an inclusive and supportive environment that encourages curiosity, exploration, and innovation.
- ✓ Develop state-of-the-art research facilities and infrastructure.

Promote Quality Research:

- ✓ Encourage faculty and students to produce high-quality research with a focus on publications in indexed journals.
- ✓ Facilitate participation in National/International seminars and conferences.

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Encourage Interdisciplinary Research:

- ✓ Promote interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary research collaborations.
- ✓ Support research projects that address societal challenges with a holistic approach.

Empower Researchers:

- ✓ Provide researchers with the freedom to choose research areas aligned with their interests and societal needs.
- ✓ Support researchers in exploring outcomes that have direct or indirect societal and industrial relevance.

Facilitate Collaborations:

✓ Foster collaborations with national and international institutions, universities, government agencies, and private industries.

Support for Project Execution:

✓ Encourage faculty and students to actively participate in consultancy assignments, government/private funded projects, and research collaborations.

Promote Entrepreneurial Ventures:

✓ Encourage the development of prototypes, inventions, and patents that may lead to incubation, startups, and entrepreneurial ventures.

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IMPLEMENTATION:

- ✓ The institution established a Research Advisory committee (RAC) responsible for coordinating, motivating, and monitoring research activities.
- ✓ Regular workshops, seminars, and training sessions will be organized to enhance research skills and awareness.
- ✓ Financial support will be provided for research projects, conference presentations and participation, patenting and IPR related process and publication (SCI/SCIE/Scopus/UGC CARE Listed and Peer-Reviewed) activities.
- ✓ Recognition and rewards will be instituted to acknowledge outstanding research contributions by faculty and students.
- ✓ The institution will actively seek collaborations and partnerships with funding agencies, industries, and research organizations.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Review of Research Proposals:

- ✓ Scrutinizing and evaluating research proposals submitted for funding, grants, and participation in seminars, symposia, conferences, and workshops.
- ✓ Providing constructive feedback and recommendations to enhance the quality of proposed research projects.

Collaborative Research Initiatives:

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- ✓ Actively seeking and inviting renowned professors and researchers from national and international universities to facilitate collaborative research initiatives.
- ✓ Cultivating partnerships that contribute to the enrichment of research activities within the institution.

Guideline Implementation:

- ✓ Implementing and upholding guidelines set forth by regulatory bodies such as the University Grants Commission (UGC).
- ✓ Formulating internal guidelines for research supervisors to ensure adherence to academic and ethical standards.

Addressing Grievances:

- ✓ Handling grievances raised by research scholars and supervisors.
- ✓ Initiating remedial actions based on discussions and resolutions within the Research Advisory Committee.

Quality Assurance:

- ✓ Ensuring the maintenance of high standards in research practices.
- ✓ Regularly assessing and enhancing the quality of research output and scholarly contributions.

Strategic Planning:

- ✓ Contributing to the development and implementation of strategic plans for research and development within the institution.
- ✓ Identifying areas for growth and improvement in the research landscape.

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Ethical Oversight:

✓ Overseeing the ethical aspects of research, including adherence to ethical standards, protocols, and the welfare of human subjects in research projects.

Collaboration with External Entities:

✓ Establishing and nurturing collaborations with external entities, including research institutions, industries, and funding agencies.

Knowledge Dissemination:

✓ Facilitating the dissemination of research findings through publications, conferences, and other appropriate channels.

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POLICY REVIEW

- ✓ **Review Period:** The policy will be subject to review once every three years. This periodic review is likely intended to ensure that the policy remains relevant, effective, and aligned with the institution's goals and any changes in the research landscape.
- ✓ **Ad Hoc Reviews:** Additionally, the policy may be reviewed on an asneeded basis. This could be triggered by significant changes in the research environment, institutional priorities, or other factors that necessitate an unscheduled evaluation.
- ✓ **Custodian of the Policy:** The Head of the Institution is designated as the custodian of the policy and is responsible for overseeing and ensuring the proper implementation and adherence to the policy. The custodian may also be involved in any updates or revisions that arise during the review process.

This Research Promotion Policy reflects our commitment to creating an academic environment where research is valued, supported, and integral to the holistic development of our students and the community. Through these efforts, we aim to contribute to the overall well-being and empowerment of women in our rural area.