

Central University of Gujarat Research Policy

1. Preamble

Research and innovation shall be at the core of the vision and mission statement of the Central University of Gujarat (CUG). It shall be the foundation for knowledge creation which is the footing of all disciplines. It directly contributes to social wellbeing, economy of the country and the overall progression of the society. The CUG aspires to become research centric university. This policy is being promulgated to provide an overall framework for the promotion of research ecosystem for conducting research activities to flourish in an academic freedom environment to enhance research outputs. Research activities shall flourish in an environment of academic freedom implying that the researcher shall have freedom of inquiry, inquisitiveness, and the right to disseminate the findings there of. The academic freedom environment shall include the responsibility to ensure that all research is conducted with honesty, integrity, accountability, and safety. It shall also meet scientific and ethical conduct of research. The focus shall be on investigating truth and augmented knowledge that benefits the society and nation. The CUG shall strive to cultivate ethos of research by adopting this policy through which the targeted research outputs including patents are achieved.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Research Policy (RP) is to create a vibrant atmosphere of research among all researchers in CUG. The policy shall serve as an overall framework within which research activities shall be carried out.

3. Scope

This document on Central University of Gujarat Research Policy (CUGRP) shall be applicable to all CUG affiliated faculty, staff and students who are involved in any form of research activity.

4. Objectives

- a) To strengthen the institutional capacity for research and encourage its faculty and researchers to achieve its research goals through their commitment to engage in research, industry connect, collaboration with other universities and scientific

- institutions of repute, both within and outside the country, that are in consonance with the vision and mission of the university.
- b) To integrate research activities with the thrust areas of research of the university which are drawn keeping in view the local, regional, national, and international needs, present and future and sustainable development goals (SDGs) of united nations.
 - c) To create, strengthen and maintain state-of-the-art research infrastructure to facilitate cutting-edge research activity.
 - d) To create an enabling academic freedom environment within university to foster intensive research culture as well as provide required support through research framework and guidelines.
 - e) To augment research funding through extramural research grants.
 - f) To nurture an environment of undertaking socially useful research with potential for commercialization.
 - g) To provide research seed money to freshly recruited young faculty.
 - h) To incentivize the best performers in research and innovation.
 - i) To translate new knowledge, technology, innovations emerging out of the research at university into processes, products, and services for benefit of the society.
 - j) To ensure effective dissemination of research outcomes in the form of research publications in quality journals, UGC-CARE list, indexed in Scopus/Web of Science and/or with impact factor.
 - k) To protect Intellectual Property Right (IPR) in the form of patent, copyright etc., arising out of the research conducted by the university fraternity.

5. Custodian of Policy

The implementation, monitoring and reviewing of RP shall be carried out by the Directorate of Research and Development Cell (RDC) constituted as per NEP 2020. The University shall have a Committee on Advanced Studies and Research (CASR) / Research Advisory Committee (RAC) at School/Centre level to advise and supervise research related matters of the School /Centre and University Ethics Policy Committee (UEPC) etc. The research output shall be assessed by internal and external audit committees. The external audit committee shall have external subject expert(s).

6. Policy Guidelines

a. For Undertaking Research

Faculty members and research scholars are expected to undertake research and disseminate the result in the form of publications and establishing IPR that leads to socially useful activity and strengthening of the economy.

b. Obligations of all Researchers

Research guides shall ensure research ethics and integrity to their research team.

c. Travel Grant

CUG shall encourages its faculty member to participate and present their paper in the conference/seminar/symposia/workshop etc., within and outside the country for disseminating their scholarly academic and research work through the scheme of travel grant and registration fees for the important academic events.

d. Sabbatical Leave

CUG shall design guidelines to give their staff the opportunity to have a break from their academic assignment for a predetermined period to develop and enrich their careers.

e. Resource and Research Management

Resource and Research Management shall be done according to the CUG Guidelines for Managing Externally Funded Research Projects.

f. Research Seed Money / Start-up Grant

CUG shall be encourage to newly recruited faculty to apply for research seed money / Start-up Grant for research activity which shall empower them to carryout independent research.

g. Intellectual Property

In accordance with CUG IP policy, the IPR shall be shared by faculty(s)/ inventors and the University as and when necessary.

h. Research Ethics and Integrity

Every researcher shall obey research ethics and integrity and it shall be supervised by Institutional Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) and Department Academic Integrity Panel (DAIP) and these shall be responsible for promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism.

i. Research Publication Grant

CUG encourages its faculty and students to publish research and creative work of high academic quality in the form of Book /Monograph, Conference proceedings and edited volumes through research publication grant.

j. Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)/ Agreement for Project / Research Collaborations

The University and or researcher shall be governed by Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)/ Agreement for Project / Research Collaborations wherever and whenever necessary.

k. UGC Non-NET Fellowships

The scheme UGC Non-NET fellowship shall applicable for Ph.D. students who are not in receipt of any financial assistance from any source and are registered in the various centers of the CUG.

l. Research Incentives

CUG shall encourage and promote the culture of research and innovation amongst the faculties through acknowledgement of their achievement in university newsletter, website and shall be felicitated by certificate of appreciation.

7. Supporting Rules

CUG shall have supporting policy frameworks for promotion of research in conjunction with this policy such as, Ordinance on research (Ph.D.), and other research advisory bodies, research regulations and guidelines which are applicable from time to time.

8. Project Transfer

If a Principal Investigator (PI) of any project leaves the university, and a project funded by an external agency is to be moved to another institution as per the agreement with the funding agency subject to the consent from the university and the concerned authority of the Institution where it is to be transferred. However, for completed projects the equipment and other facilities generated at the university utilizing the project fund shall not be transferred.

All researchers shall be aware that utilization of fund shall be as per the General Financial Rules-2017 (GFR-2017) and subsequent amendments thereby GFR of the Government of India and the standard financial practices including accounting procedures which are applicable from time to time.