



RKDF UNIVERSITY
Bhopal

RESEARCH POLICY (Revised)
Approved by Board of Management
and Governing body

Preamble

Research and innovation is the foundation of knowledge creation and it lies in the core of the mission and vision of RKDF University, Bhopal. The primary focus of university is to provide an optimal research ecosystem and conducive environment for enhancing research outputs, which are beneficial for mankind. Moreover, the faculties are provided academic freedom that also includes accountability to follow the ethics and conduct of research. The present focus to University is to conduct basic and applied research to make maximum utilization of available resources and develop industry ready products meeting all the necessary standards. Our faculties are encouraged follow the academic standards and code of ethics.

Broadening the scope of existing research policy- and considering the upcoming challenges in the Industry 5.0, the research policy has been revised. Apart from developing industry ready products, the revised policy also aims to make students industry ready by developing necessary skills in them. This will not only increase the job opportunities among the students but also help the industries to improve safety, quality, and profitability. The faculties will be encouraged to develop projects focusing more on the advanced automated technologies including robotics, machine learning, artificial intelligence, big data analytics, smart systems and the Internet of Things (IoT). The development of robot incorporated with artificial intelligence will assist the industries to enhance workplace processes, increased flexibility and enhanced sustainability.

The university has also decided to initiate a scheme for promotion of research activities among the faculties. In the scheme, the faculty making some special achievements will be given awards and monetary assistance.

1. Assistance to industry ready projects

Keeping the current industry scenario, the university has decided to encourage the faculties to take up minor research projects on artificial intelligence, robotics and shall earmark appropriate budget. These projects will be evaluated by the committee headed by Vice Chancellor, RKDF University for funding (**ENCL: 01**). The faculty shall submit a project report upon completion.

2. Development of academia-industry collaboration

The faculties will be encouraged to make appropriate collaborations with the industries. This will help students and faculties to understand the current challenges and needs of the industries. The proposals for all such collaborations will be evaluated by a committee formed by the Vice-Chancellor, RKDF University, Bhopal


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3. Promotion of Research

The university has decided to promote faculties for research. The faculties will be encouraged to submit a research proposal covering the current needs of the society and industry. The proposal will be evaluated twice in a year by a committee formed by the Vice-Chancellor, RKDF University, Bhopal. In addition, different awards in terms of certificate and incentives will be given to the faculties making specific research achievements at various national and international levels.

4. Encouragement of Consultancy Services

In order to encourage faculties to utilize their expertise for the industry sector, the ratio of revenue generated through consultancy between faculty and university has been fixed to 70:30. The faculty of the university providing consultancy would be entitled to retain 70 % of the share, while the university will retain 30 % against the utilization of the university infrastructure and other facilities.

5. Project Transfer

If a Principal Investigator (PI) resigns and leaves the university, the extra-mural projects will be only transferred if the funding agency agrees and the rules of the funding agency will be applied.

6. Submission of Utilization Certificate

All Principal Investigators must submit the Utilization Certificate in the prescribed format of the funding agency. In case, if the format is not well defined the format of university will be followed (**ENCL: 02**).


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ENCL: 01

Evaluation Committee

- Chairman** : Vice chancellor, RKDF University, Bhopal
- Member Secretary** : Faculty of University (Professor, as approved by honorable Vice-Chancellor)
- Member 1** : Faculty of University (Associate Professor, as approved by honorable Vice-Chancellor)
- Member 2** : Faculty of University (Associate Professor, as approved by honorable Vice-Chancellor)


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ENCL: 02

Utilization Certificate

Certified that out of Rs./-. of grants-in-aid sanctioned during the year (from to) in favor of Dr. under Letter No: and Rs on account of unspent balance of the previous year, a sum of Rs./- has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned and that the balance of/- remaining unutilized till date will be adjusted in the next release of the grants-in-aid payable during the year.


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Principal Investigator

Accounts Officer

Vice Chancellor

Statement of Expenditure

1. Name of the Institute :
2. Reference No. :
3. Name of PI :
4. Date of project initiation :
5. Period of Grant :

S. No.	Sanctioned Heads	Opening Balance	Grants Received	Expenditure	Unspent Balance	Remarks
1.	Stipend					
2.	HRA					
3.	Contingencies					
4.	Consumables					
5.	Travel					
6.	Miscellaneous					
	Total (Rs.)					


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