

# **TILAK MAHARASHTRA VIDYAPEETH**

## **Research Policy**

### **Purpose**

Research discovers, elucidates, and evaluates new knowledge, ideas, and technologies essential in driving the future of society and humanity. Without research, a relevant and modern curriculum does not exist. Research fosters professional excellence in faculty, important for delivering outstanding student education and training. At Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, we believe that research and developmental activities create and disseminate new knowledge in various disciplines and promote innovation which in turn will motivate better learning and teaching among the faculty and students. We encourage research to promote publications and develop collaborations.

### **Research Policy:**

1. Faculty members of all disciplines are expected to undertake research, leading to quality publications, presentations in National/International conferences of repute, generation of Intellectual property with potential for commercialization, socially useful outcome, and other similar research activity.
2. Obligations of faculty and researchers (including Post graduate researchers) Research output will be considered one of the criteria for faculty recruitment and promotion along with other academic responsibilities.
3. Recruitment and Promotion - The University shall recruit such faculty members and researchers who have demonstrable/demonstrated capability in research. Faculty promotion may significantly depend on research undertaken. The quality of research output, especially research publications, may be assessed on the established yardsticks such as Impact Factor (IF) and which will be revised from time to time as appropriate and shall be an integral part of the API score.
4. Research Management - Overall management of research activities will be coordinated by the Lokmanya Center for Research & Development under the direct supervision of Vice Chancellor. The Research advisory body shall be responsible for the overall functioning of research activities within the University.

5. Academic Dishonesty and Disciplinary Committee - It is expected that each member involved in research – faculty, researchers, and postgraduate researchers - will adhere to the highest ethical standards of conduct. The highest ethical standards of conduct include data integrity, adhering to ethical guidelines given from time to time, for carrying out research. Each faculty member and researcher shall follow academic honesty in his/her research work. Faculty and researchers shall be careful not to fall prey to academic dishonesty. A disciplinary committee, on the instruction of the Vice-Chancellor, shall be formed in order to carry out inquiry when academic dishonesty is reported against an individual/group. Suitable disciplinary action may be initiated, if found guilty, against such individual/group.

To uphold the high standards of academic publishing, TMV recommends all the researchers to avoid any sort of publication misconduct. Publication misconduct includes:- plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, overlapping publications, and duplicate submission/multiple submissions, Please refer to the definitions given below. 6. Resources for research support - The University provides intramural funding through seed money and Tilak Trust Endowment Chair based on the quality and impact of research. University will extend the facility by supporting publication charges, where manuscripts are communicated to quality journals. Such requests will be scrutinized through a committee appointed by Vice-Chancellor. The Research & Development Cell will facilitate awareness regarding potential funding. The University may also provide additional manpower in departments with higher research intensity and research output, depending on specific justifiable requirements while adhering to regulations of statutory agencies.

7. Student Research - To enhance quality research output, student mentorship/internship shall be facilitated to encourage undergraduate/postgraduate students to pursue research activities leading to a tangible output.

## Objectives

1. To create an enabling environment within the University to foster a research culture as well as provide the required support through research framework and guidelines. 2. To ensure a high level of efficient and effective support system to facilitate faculty and researchers in their research activities. 3. Ensure publications in quality journals, indexed in Scopus/Web of Science and/or with impact factor. 4. To nurture an

environment of undertaking socially useful research with potential for commercialization. 5. Forge interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships nationally and globally.

#### RESEARCH INCENTIVE POLICY

1. Faculty completing the undertaken Research Project on time and had successfully published the same are eligible for an incentive (cash) as prescribed by the Research and Development Committee. Periodic review of research output shall be carried out by the R & D Committee and the information shall be provided to the Board of Studies, periodically (preferably quarterly) for assessment and corrective actions, if any.

#### Definitions:

1. Plagiarism: Plagiarism is the appropriation of another person's ideas, data, figures, research methods, or words without giving appropriate credit, or the over-citation of another person's published work.
2. Fabrication: Fabrication is the practice of making up data or results without having performed relevant research.
3. Falsification: Falsification is the practice of changing data or results intentionally such that a misleading conclusion is drawn.
4. Duplicate submission/multiple submissions: Duplicate submission/multiple submissions refer to the practice of submitting the same manuscript or several manuscripts with minor differences (e.g., differences only in title, keywords, abstract, author order, author affiliations, or a small amount of text) to two or more journals at the same time, or submitting to another journal within an agreed or stipulated period.
5. Overlapping publication: Overlapping publication refers to the practice of publishing a paper that overlaps substantially with one already published.  
(Adapted from New Delhi Publisher and UGC regulations.)

#### References

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