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#### NOTIFICATION

**Sub: Research Promotion Guidelines for providing  
Incentives to Faculty and students – reg.**

**Ref: Vice-Chancellor's approval dated 14.10.2024**

In order to harness and nurture the research talents in the faculty members and students, a **Research Promotion Guidelines** has been incorporated **under the Research Grants Scheme** of VTU applicable to the **faculty and students**. The said policy will be applicable from the date of notification.

**NOTE: The online application for submission of application for incentives shall be available in the University website.**

The Chairpersons and Program Coordinators of VTU PG Centres and Principals of Constituent, Affiliated and Autonomous Colleges are requested bring it to notice of all the concerned.

Sd/-  
**REGISTRAR**

**To,**

- 1) The Principals of Constituent/Affiliated/Autonomous Engineering Colleges and School of Architecture of VTU,.
- 2) The Chairpersons / Programme Coordinators of all the Departments, of VTU PG Centre.

Copy to:

- 1) The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, through his Secretary, VTU, Belagavi for information.
- 2) The Regional Director (I/c), VTU Regional offices, for information.

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## Research Promotion Guidelines

2024-25

Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi.  
**Research Promotion Guidelines for Providing Incentives to the  
Faculty and Students (2024-25)**

{Under Section 5(2) and 7(3) of the VTU Act, 1994}

**1.0 Introduction:**

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, strives to be a destination for research excellence, innovation, and academic integrity at its departments and affiliated institutions. As per the VTU Act 1994, the objectives of the University are to advance frontiers to knowledge through research, innovation, invention, and product improvement. Also, the university has the power to simulate continuous faculty development by creating schemes of sponsorships to acquire higher qualifications, provide liberally for research, and permit product development, consultancy, and other activities that will heighten their professional competencies.

The University has a vast academic system with its main Department of Studies located in Belagavi and additional offices in Bengaluru, Kalburgi, and Mysuru. It encompasses two constituent colleges and approximately 215 affiliated engineering colleges and architecture schools throughout Karnataka. The University also recognizes around 986 research centers across its departments, affiliated colleges, and selected industries. Currently, about 3,50,000 students are enrolled in various undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programs. The faculty includes around 20,000 qualified individuals, with approximately 5,314 holding doctoral degrees, teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels within the University and its affiliated colleges. Additionally, there are about 4,000 qualified research supervisors in VTU departments and affiliated colleges who oversee Ph.D. scholars pursuing their degrees.

To ensure uniformity, transparency, and adherence to high standards of research beyond the minimum requirements set by the University Grants Commission (UGC), VTU has established and published research regulations and related guidelines. These regulations formalize the procedures for recognizing research centers in affiliated colleges and other institutions, thereby standardizing processes for all University stakeholders.

These regulations and guidelines create a framework designed to offer guidance and support for conducting high-quality research, facilitating technology transfer, and protecting intellectual property, all while staying aligned with the University's mission and values.

As part of this framework, VTU has established guidelines to offer incentives to the faculty members of affiliated / constituent / autonomous engineering colleges and schools of architecture. These incentives are designed to encourage the publication of research papers, patents, and other scholarly works that highlight their affiliation with Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi.

## 2.0 Various Research Incentive Schemes

VTU appreciates contributions made to academic literature, and the administration has always appreciated the efforts of its faculty and students for such outstanding work on high-quality research.

S. No.	Particulars	Incentive Details	Remarks
1	<b>Journal Papers:</b> Peer-Reviewed Publication of Journal Papers	WoS / SCI: ₹ 8,000/- Q1 Journals: ₹ 10,000/- Q2 Journals: ₹ 6,000/- Q3 Journals: ₹ 4,000/-	Faculty will be given the below incentives if he/she publishes as the first or corresponding author in Scopus-indexed Journals
2	<b>Conference Papers</b>	₹ 3,000/-	papers indexed by Scopus, subject to the author being from VTU.
3	<b>Book Chapters</b>	₹ 5,000/-	Scopus-indexed book chapters
<b>Eligibility:</b> Only those publications that carry "Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, Karnataka, India" as the affiliation shall be eligible for incentives. In the case of collaborative work, the VTU-affiliated author should be either the first or corresponding author.			
4	<b>Sponsored Research Projects: (Applicable for VTU- Centers only)</b> VTU encourages faculty to undertake sponsored research through financial incentives. This applies to all such grants from state, national and international agencies.	Incentive equal to 5% of the project grant, limited to a maximum of Rs. One lakh per project	<b>Eligibility:</b> Professors and Associate Professors will become eligible for incentives when the project grant is ₹7.5 lakhs or above, and Assistant Professors shall be entitled to the incentives when the grant is ₹3 lakhs or more. <b>Disbursement:</b> The incentive shall be disbursed on successful completion of the project upon submission of the Utilization Certificate to the funding agency. <b>Reporting:</b> Faculty are supposed to have a regular report on the progress which they are supposed to submit to the VTU Research Committee for transparency and accountability.
5	<b>Consultancy Work:</b>	<b>High utilization of Institute facilities</b> - 50% VTU, 50% project team. <b>Moderate utilization of Institute facilities</b> - 40% VTU, 60% project team. <b>Minimal utilization of Institute facilities</b> - 25% VTU, 75% project team.	<b>Sanction:</b> Prior sanction must be taken from the VTU Research Committee for any consultancy project. <b>Cap for Incentive:</b> The incentive cap for faculty members on consultancy projects should not be more than two months' salary. A minimum of two students should also be associated with the consultancy project for developing employable skills and gain practical exposure.

6	<b>Product Development &amp; Innovation:</b>	Up to ₹ 5 Lakhs - projects at Technology readiness levels 5 and above. up to ₹ 2 Lakhs - Proof of Concept projects at Technology readiness levels 3.	<b>Selection Process:</b> The VTU Research Committee will evaluate proposals for the project based on the innovation, feasibility, and impact that they can create. <b>Support:</b> In addition to funding, VTU will provide mentorship, incubation space, and industrial networks to assist the product development efforts of the Team.
7	<b>Patents</b>	₹ 25,000/- shall be payable after a successful patent grant and shall be shared equally among multiple inventors.	<b>Ownership:</b> A 50% ownership by VTU shall be on each patent filed in the name of VTU; the remaining 50% will be shared equally among the inventors. <b>Application:</b> All the patent applications will be examined for their commercial viability and their relevance to VTU's business plans by the VTU Research and IPR Committee.
8	<b>Copyrights</b>	30 % of the cost for the registration of copyrights. VTU shall be one of the owners.	<b>Equity:</b> VTU will have a 30% equity share in the copyright.
9	<b>Trademarks</b>	₹ 10,000/- on successful registration of the trademark	<b>Usage Rights:</b> While VTU will have commercial usage rights, creators will have academic usage rights.
10	<b>Tecnology Transfer and Commercialization</b>	The revenue realized through commercialization shall be shared in the ratio of 40% to VTU and 60% to the inventors.	<b>Support Services:</b> VTU provides legal, marketing, and business support to enable successful technology transfer.
11	<b>Collaborative IPR Initiatives</b>	In the case of collaborative IPR efforts, at least 30% of IPR rights will be held by VTU	<b>General Instructions:</b> <b>Disclosure:</b> Any IPR that can be considered must be disclosed within a maximum of 30 days. <b>Review Process:</b> The VTU Research and IPR Committee shall review the application for IPR and make recommendations for suitable funding. <b>Compliance:</b> Submission by all employees is mandatory under these instructions. Non-compliance could lead to losing incentives and taking legal action.

### 3.0 Other Incentive Schemes:

S. No.	Particulars	Incentive Details	Remarks
1	<b>Sponsorship for a reputed conference:</b>	<b>National Conference:</b> 50% of conference registration fees will	III AC Train fare/equivalent for Assistant Professors and Associate Professors and II AC Train fare for Professors and above. Any one author of Visvesvaraya Technological

	(Applicable for VTU- Centers only)	be reimbursed for conferences	University is eligible to apply. TA and DA will be given for outstation travel as per KCSR Rules. On Duty will be given for the conference dates. Reimbursement will be given on submission of all the bills (Conference Registration fee payment receipt, Travel Tickets, other Bills, etc., for the amount claimed). The faculty member can apply for the above-mentioned incentive once in two years. The presented paper should be is indexed in the Scopus/WOS/SCI database.
		<b>International Conference:</b> 50% of conference registration fees will be reimbursed. Economy airfare (to & fro) will be given. On Duty and Daily Allowance will be given only for the conference dates.	A faculty member can make a Financial Support Claim (Maximum Limit of Rs .30000/-) once every two years. Reimbursement is available only to the first author of a paper, and only if no other financial assistance has been received for the same. Reimbursement is not provided for simply chairing sessions or attending conferences. Faculty members may also apply for travel fellowships from various government funding agencies
2	<b>Publication of Books</b>	i) Full Book – International Publisher (McGraw Hill, Prentice Hall, Oxford University Press, or other internationally reputed publishers): ₹ 10,000/-. ii) Full Book – Reputed National Publisher with ISBN/ISSN number: ₹ 5,000/- iii) Contribution of book chapters (International Publisher with ISBN/ISSN Number): ₹1500/-.	<b>Eligibility:</b> Only books that list "Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, Karnataka, India" as the affiliation are eligible for incentives.
3	<b>Research Collaboration Incentive for Conference</b>	₹1500/- (2 <sup>nd</sup> author and above) will be given to the faculty member for collaborative work with any institution/industry in India and Abroad	The faculty member can apply for the above-mentioned incentive once the published paper is indexed in the Scopus/WoS database.
4	<b>Product Development</b>	₹ 10000/- will be given to the faculty/students who	It is required to add Visvesvaraya Technological University Belagavi as the Co-Inventor.

		will develop the product and commercialize	
5	<b>Getting the Grant from Government/ Private Sponsored Projects</b>	5% of the total grant to the Investigators for getting the grant from the Government 10% of the total grant for privately sponsored projects from India and Abroad.	---
6	<b>Incentive for Scholars/ Students to Attend Conferences/ Competitions:</b> (Applicable for VTU- Centers only):	<b>National:</b> 50% of conference/ competition registration fees	Sleeper Class Train Fare or Bus equivalent (to and fro) will be given. TA and DA of will be given as per the KCSR rule for outstation travel. One of the students in the author's list of the paper will be given.
		<b>International:</b> 50% of conference/ competition registration fees Economy airfare (to and fro)	A student/scholar can seek reimbursement only if he/she is one of the authors of the paper, provided no other agency/organization has given financial help for the same. An external part-time student/scholar will be supported based on the recommendation of the <b>VTU Research Committee</b> . Scholars/Students are encouraged to apply for various travel fellowships sponsored by various government funding agencies. UG/PG Students: There is 1 student per section of the Graduating batch from each <b>Department</b> . PhD Scholars: A maximum of 2 Full-Time PhD Scholars only (for different conferences) can avail from each <b>Department</b> per year. The conference must be of high repute only.

a) **Incentive for Students Winning Competitions at National Level/State Level Competition/Hackathons:**

National Level competition	₹ 3000/- for winning ₹2000/- for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize ₹1000/- for the third prize.
State Level Competition	₹ 2500/- for winning ₹1750/- for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> prize ₹1000/- for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize
Hackathons/Project competition	₹2000/- for winning ₹ 1500/- for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize ₹ 1000/- for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> prize.

**4. General Instructions:**

- i) The total annual cap for research incentives is ₹ 200 lakhs. Processing will be done on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ii) Claim forms and documents must be submitted within four weeks upon completion of the project or publication of the document.
- iii) Only SCI/ Scopus-indexed / WoS publications would be eligible to earn incentives within the specified incentive period.

- iv) The guidelines apply to all regular teaching faculty, research scholars, and students registered in colleges and institutions affiliated / constituent/autonomous with VTU. The guidelines are reviewed annually to maintain relevance and effectiveness.

NOTE:

Affiliations to be mentioned in the Research articles to be published in conferences and Journals.

Ex:

**Title of the article**

**Author Names and their affiliation**

**Research Centre: Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering**

**College Name / RC Name, Place**

**Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi, Karnataka, India**