



RESEARCH POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

Research is a prime area of the academic development and without research the knowledge will remain stagnant. The students and researcher scholars are required to have ethical and moral values in academic pursuits in order to produce a genuine research work. In the present ICT era, information is easily available online and can be used as source material. In this context, plagiarism has become a serious problem. As per the Rules to consider the Proposals for Award of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Degree In Consonance with University Grants Commission Regulations, 2016 (Minimum Standard and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degree) notified vide its Notification dated 5th May, 2016 and the UGC Notification on University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018 will remain statutory rules, the Plagiarism Policy of K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Mumbai (Autonomous) has been formulated with a view to ensure that the institute ensures zero-tolerance for plagiarism in the research work either carried by the faculty, researchers or students.

The UGC has issued guidelines on the above subject vide its gazette notification, of 23rd July 2018, to ensure that the academic and research work done, leading to the partial fulfilment for the award of degrees at Undergraduate, Masters and Research level, by a student, faculty or a researcher, in the form of thesis, dissertation and publication of research papers, chapters in books, full-fledged books and/or any other similar work, showcases academic integrity and originality. The guidelines presented here highlight the steps that are essential to enforce Academic Integrity in the research





work that is carried out at K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Vidyavihar (Autonomous), Mumbai.

2. APPLICATION AND COMMENCEMENT

The policy shall apply to all students, faculty, researchers and staff of K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Vidyavihar (Autonomous), Mumbai. These regulations shall come into force with effect from the date of notification on the official College website.

3. OBJECTIVES

This research policy provides a broad framework to guide scholarly research with the following objectives:

1. To create and promote a culture of research among the faculty and staff of K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Vidyavihar (Autonomous) Mumbai.
2. To identify research areas and specify research topics of academic, practical and socially relevant significance
3. To organize seminars/conferences/workshops on research topics and training programmes in research methodology.
4. To ensure quality, integrity and ethics in research.
5. To publish research material in appropriate media and to make available such published information to the end users.
6. To facilitate the publication of reports submitted by the research scholars
7. To bring about an annual/periodic compendium of abstracts/papers presented by the staff and students in various seminars / conferences / workshops.





8. To serve as a facilitator providing professional guidance, technical support and recommendation for financial assistance.
9. To protect Intellectual Property (IP) generated as a result of research conducted at KJSAC.
10. To integrate research activities undertaken and create a rational, transparent and efficient system for management of all research processes

4. PROMOTION OF RESEARCH

The K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce, Vidyavihar Mumbai believes that researchers are free to choose the subject of their research, to seek support from any funding source for their research work, and to report their findings and conclusions.

However, research shall be available for scrutiny to the college and constructive criticism of peers. Research techniques used by the researchers shall not violate established professional ethics, pertaining to the health, safety, privacy, and other personal rights of human beings or to the infliction of injury or pain on animals.

The College shall create conducive environment for research. Due to limited resources, the college may not support fully all research likely to be undertaken, but it shall allocate the space, facilities, partial funding, and other resources for research programmes based on the scholarly and educational merits of the proposed research. It shall also provide development opportunities to researchers for writing research proposals and reports, publications, patent filing, etc.

5. RESEARCH AT UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

K J Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce treats teaching and learning should always be amalgamated at each level. Thus, equal opportunities at the graduate and





post-graduate level are given and help to promote creativity among the undergraduate and post-graduate students, some research component in the curricula, especially in the final or pre-final year of the bachelors programme and final year in the master's programme is implemented. Accordingly, in the final year of the bachelors programme the Minor Research Project and Major Research Project are inducted where the students under the guidance of the faculty work on the decided topic of the dissertation and submit the findings periodically. The final project is submitted to the institution and also the viva is conducted. Similarly, in the postgraduate programme, research was emphasised emphatically and students were trained for robust research skills. The college shall further reinforce research training in both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the future.

6. DOCTORAL RESEARCH

The steps towards the expansion of doctoral programmes are commenced both for full-time scholars and external scholars. Though, college is having limited finance and resources for conducting research and also in the development of the rich infrastructure for conducting research in different fields; therefore, it was decided to allow the research scholars and teachers to collaborate with different prominent National institutions where they have requisite research infrastructures and also have expertise to guide the scholars in different areas. The college shall further boost doctoral research and earmark appropriate budget for scholarship and research facilities in different institutions. It shall also recognise the worthy R&D organisations for doctoral research and build bridges with them. The college shall continue to encourage faculty and research scholars to get funding for attending International conferences from external agencies as a matching share so that the quality in research





paper can be maintained. It shall urge research scholars to publish and patent/obtain copyrights their research work.

7. MINOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

From the very beginning, the college has encouraged young faculty to conduct research. Thus, it has developed a mechanism to guide and facilitate the financial assistance to Minor Research Project. Minor Research Project will be verified and periodical assessment of the research will be conducted by the Research, Review and Recommendations Committee. The committee will help young faculty think about research, prepare the proposal, conduct research and write a research report. It also assists them in preparing proposals for major research projects. The college shall continue to encourage young faculty to take up minor research projects.

8. MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS

The college will identify a list of funding agencies. Faculty can submit Major Research Project proposals to these agencies. These proposals are scrutinised before submitting the same to a funding agency by Research, Review and Recommendations Committee. The college will try to provide all kinds of infrastructure facilities available for conducting a Major Research Project. The college plans to evolve a mechanism through which it shall monitor the progress of Major Research Projects funded by an external agency, maintain its accounts and submit the utilising certificate in time to the funding agency as per the requirement of the funding agency.



9. COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Academic-Industry Interaction is the demand of the day. If we want to contribute to the society at large, the college has to closely work with industries and different organisations. The college has planned to encourage industry Sponsored Research Project, Interdisciplinary Research, Collaborative International Research, Training for Research and Publications, Publication of Papers and Journals and helping the researchers in copyrights /Patent and IPR.

10. INCENTIVES FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH

The college would like to encourage quality research in different thrust areas. For this purpose, outstanding research contributions done by faculty, researcher, and research scholar shall be recognised. Therefore, the college has prepared a scheme for providing incentive to researchers and scholars. The incentives in terms of money, awards/prizes, more funding for the on-going research, issuing certificates and giving more weightage for the career advancement scheme, etc. will be part of the comprehensive research promotion policy.

11. RESEARCH RECOGNITION, REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE

Research Recognition, Review, and Recommendations Committee (RRC) is constituted for the purpose of reviewing the research proposals, minor and major research projects, seeking the seed funding for seminars, workshops, paper or book publications and determine compliance with research policy. The members of the





RRC-KJSAC will be consisting of research guides, dean-research and Extension and the Principal. The final approval will be made by the Principal.

COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

- i. **DR. (SMT.) VEENA SANEKAR (I/C PRINCIPAL)**
- ii. DR. ATISH TAUKARI (COORDINATOR)
- iii. DR. (MS.) HEMALI SANGHAVI (MEMBER)
- iv. DR. DEELIP PALSAPURE (MEMBER)
- v. DR. SATYAWAN HANEGAVE (MEMBER)

12. Rules to consider the Proposals for Award of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Degree In Consonance with University Grants Commission Regulations, 2016 (Minimum Standard and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degree) notified vide its Notification dated 5th May, 2016 and the UGC Notification on University Grants Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018 will remain statutory rules as it is.

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