

Research Policy (3.1.1)



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1.0 Preamble

The MJP Rohilkhand University (MJPRU) Bareilly is committed to providing a conducive and vibrant atmosphere for research activities among faculty members and students. The research policy serves as a framework for carrying out research, consultancy, and innovation in local as well as global issues for the betterment of society.

2.0 Scope

The MJPRU Research Policy is implementable on the campus and in all its affiliated colleges. It includes the modalities for research degrees as per the university ordinance, statute, and UGC/UP Govt. norms. It also covers the screening and monitoring of various externally funded research and consultancy projects. This policy also encompasses the self-sustained research institutes, and laboratories to conduct research-related activities.

3.0 Directorate of Research (DoR)

The university has created a full-fledged Directorate of Research (DoR) comprising of honorary Director and Associate and Assistant Director to coordinate, facilitate, promote, and smooth the function of the research work of the university. The research-related policy shall be implemented through the Directorate of Research with the proper approval of the competent authority.

4.0 Objectives of the policy

- 4.1 To create an enabling environment in the university and its affiliated colleges to foster a healthy research culture.
- 4.2 To provide an efficient and effective support system to facilitate faculty members and researchers in their research activities and timely completion of their research degree or externally funded research/consultancy projects.
- 4.3 To motivate researchers and their supervisors to publish their research output in quality journals, indexed in Scopus/SCIE with a good Impact Factor (IF).
- 4.4 To create an environment for undertaking multidisciplinary research with the potential for commercialization.
- 4.5 To guide faculty members and research students in funding opportunities for their research work from various government agencies and industries.

4.6 To ensure the compliance of all researchers to the research quality assurance framework, the research code, and all the applicable rules and regulations as per the university, UGC, state government, and university research ordinance.

4.7 To secure financial support (funding) for research activities from external sources such as government/non-government agencies and industries.

5.0 RESEARCH MANAGEMENT

The research management at MJP Rohilkhand University shall be carried out through the Directorate of Research (DoR). The DoR will be constituted by the Director, Associate Director, and Assistant Director appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from time to time. The DoR along with the Research Degree Committee (RDC) and Board of Studies (BoS), Faculty Boards, and various research committees constituted will supervise the research-related activities. The DoR shall coordinate, supervise and recommend to the Vice-Chancellor for the approval of the various Committees, co-ordinate and facilitate timely RDC/BoS meetings in various subjects offered by the university. The DoR will coordinate and facilitate the submission of research project proposals to various funding agencies and provide necessary guidance and encourage teachers to write research projects/proposals. The DoR shall scrutinize and recommend research proposals received from various Departments/Centres/Faculty of the university and its affiliated colleges.

The DoR shall promote and provide opportunities for students and young teachers to undertake research projects by inculcating research culture among them for the expression of academic talent.

Research in MJP Rohilkhand University will be conducted by application of knowledge for the overall improvement of quality of life and development of the nation at large. The Research Policy is implemented by the Directorate of Research (DoR) for the specific purpose of governance, administrative and financial facilitation, and control. The roles of DoR are facilitated by all academic bodies of the university (BoS, RDC, Departments and Academic Council, etc.) as required. The DoR will make appropriate recommendations on research-related issues to administrative authorities for final decision-making and execution. This system will enable the collection and compilation of all the information related to research in the university and its affiliated colleges. All stakeholders will route their research-related documents to

administrative authorities after the processing from the DoR. The DoR is open to getting funds for research from government agencies, industry, or any other stakeholders.

The university has a policy of providing an *access to the anti-plagiarism software free of cost* to the principal and one faculty of the affiliated college to support scientific and non-plagiarised writing. On the other hand, all the approved supervisors of the university campus are given access to the aforesaid software for quality research writing. *Access to E-resources* is also made available to the stakeholders for easy reach to the international and national publications done on daily basis. This access will keep updating our researchers with the new knowledge constructed in the global knowledge platform.

6.0 RESEARCH INITIATIVES

6.1 Research Ordinance 2020- envisages the guidelines for the award of the Ph.D. to any candidate. It enumerates the Ph.D. seats, eligibility criteria for the candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. program, and duration of the Programme. The ordinance extensively explains the procedure of admission, eligibility, entrance examination, and its stages. The constitution of different examining boards for the selection of the Ph.D. students, and how the final selection will take place. The coursework completion guidelines. The guidelines and responsibility of the course coordinators for the completion of the coursework by the Ph.D. scholars. The ordinance also enumerates the eligibility criteria of the supervisor and co-supervisors. The residency period, thesis presentation, evaluation and assessment methods, depository with UGC.

The complete process of a Ph.D. will be made online starting from the online entrance exam form filling of the Ph.D. scholars to online details updating of the form. Dissemination of the information through the DoR website. Allotment of the student's specific login Ids through which they can access to the DoR website and see the progress of their research work. They can see the pre-Ph.D. coursework mark sheet, upload it to upload the synopsis then deposit the progress report in a timely and update his/her publication.

6.2 RESEARCH INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS

6.2.1 POLICY FOR DIRECT ADMISSION IN Ph.D. PROGRAMMES

The university has a student-centric rolling-over research admission initiative where online applications will be invited for direct admission to the Ph.D. (Full time) program in the Academic

year, for the candidates having fellowship with them of state/national or international level. The applications will be filled out online through the link www.mjpru.ac.in/www.mjprudor.ac.in

The candidate applying must secure a minimum of 50%marks {45% marks for SC/ST/OBC} in the interview to be eligible for Ph.D. admission in the discipline. However, merely fulfilling the minimum eligibility criterion of admission to the Ph.D. program in any of the disciplines the said minimum requirement will not be the guarantee for registration to the Ph.D. as it would depend upon performance in the interview and availability of vacant seats. Interview / written test shall be conducted only for those candidates who have completed the online application process. The final information regarding the date of the interview shall be notified on University's website. The detailed and updated Guidelines will be available on the Directorate of Research website from time to time.

6.2.2 POLICY FOR PART-TIME PH.D. PROGRAMME

MJP Rohilkhand University will offer part-time Ph.D. also. Candidates seeking admission to a part-time Ph.D. program should have the minimum qualification and work experience in related/relevant/concerned field(s) as per clauses 3.1 and 4.5 of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Ordinance 2020. Relaxation and Reservation of seats for OBC/ SC/ST/ PWD/ EWS/other category candidates shall be provided as per government norms applicable from time to time as per clause 3.2 of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Ordinance 2020. The foreign Nationals/NRI Candidates seeking admission in Part-time Ph.D. programs must fulfill all requirements as per Govt. of India. They have to submit a certified copy of all documents including a Passport and visa for applying/joining the course. The eligibility criteria shall be the same as that for full-time students (as per Doctor of Philosophy Ordinance 2020, M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly). The applicant must have been in the continuous and required length of service with the sponsoring organization at the time of submitting the application form for admission and he/she must submit a Consent & No Objection Certificate from the employer.

The Candidates, who are working in reputed research organizations, academic institutes, and industries, etc. are eligible to apply for admission in the "Part-time Ph.D. program". They have to choose one of the eligible faculty as a supervisor for guiding Ph.D. Research either from M.J.P. Rohilkhand University/ affiliated govt. aided/government colleges or any from any other University/research institute/industries (from a recognized research Centre/having MoU with the university) in India and abroad. If the main research Supervisor/Guide is from outside the

country then one co-supervisor must be from this University or govt. aided/government colleges affiliated with this university.

One of the essential requirements for admission in the Ph.D. (Part-Time) programs candidate must present his/her research proposal in an open State-of-Art Seminar during the interview process before the interview board is approved by the Vice-Chancellor. The detailed and updated Guidelines will be available on the Directorate of Research website from time to time.

6.3 RESEARCH INITIATIVES FOR FACULTY

6.3.1 INNOVATIVE RESEARCH GRANT (IRG)-

In order to encourage and strengthen the research program among the faculties of the university and its affiliated colleges to undertake research activities, the IRG is a beneficiary funding scheme. The IRG policy for research aids a faculty to start a research project that has the potential to be sustained by attracting funds from external agencies. The policy will accelerate inter-faculty/college collaboration in emerging areas that will further lead to the generation of IPR and product/process development. This grant motivates the regular faculty of the university who has completed the probation period and possesses good publication to conduct take up research in their proposed area. A proposal/application of funds from IRG has to be made by the interest faculties for the Innovative Research Grant (IRG). Approval of this grant will support the receivers with a sum of Rs.5lacs of rupees to conduct the projects in science subjects and Rs.2 lacs in Social Sciences and Humanities. The detailed and updated Guidelines will be available on the Directorate of Research website from time to time.

6.3.2 RESEARCH INITIATIVES FOR AWARD OF D.SC./D.LITT.

As it has been a long demand for senior teachers for the D.Sc. and D.Litt. the university has come up with newly created regulations and guidelines to pursue the mentioned degree. The policy categorically adheres to strengthening the research level by the pursuance of the above degree by high-quality publication and application-based studies for the use of the different stakeholders.

The Degree of Laws (LL. D.), Doctor of Science (D. Sc.), and Doctor of Literature (D. Litt.) Ordinances-2022. The D. Sc., D. Litt., and LL. D. Degrees are the Apex Post-Doctoral Degrees and are awarded for work that makes an original, substantial, and distinguished contribution to knowledge in a field in which the faculty is concerned. Work submitted for the degree normally

comprises publications that have appeared in the form of books (international publishers of repute) or research papers in scholarly journals (of international impact) that are then presented in the form of a thesis. The degree will give the applicant authoritative standing in that field and the right to general this standing by scholars in the field.

The University shall award D. Sc. Degree in the disciplines of Science, Engineering, Technology, Medicine, Ayurveda, Agriculture Science, and other related areas covered under the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Engineering and Technology. LL. D. in the discipline of Law and other related areas covered under the Faculty of Legal Studies. D. Litt. Degree in the disciplines of Business, Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, Arts, Commerce, and other related areas covered under the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Commerce.

Any eligible and duly admitted candidate can pursue the D. Sc./ D. Litt. / LL. D. degree along with his/her regular full-time/part-time/contractual/Ad hoc type of job /service/assignment. For in-service candidates, A No objection Certificate is required from his/her present employer. There will be no fixed number of available seats for each subject for the D. Sc./ D. Litt. / LL. D. program in the University. The University shall notify for D. Sc/ D. Litt. / LL. D. admission announcement on the University website or by an advertisement in the leading newspapers or on electronic media. The candidates seeking admission to D. Sc/ D. Litt. / LL. D. program at the University shall have to fill up the prescribed admission form designed by the University from time to time and submit the same within the prescribed date specified in the admission announcement. Those that have applied and are found eligible shall have to appear before DoR for a personal Interview/Viva- Voce (PI/VV) at the University, as per the schedule and place specified by the DoR. Only highly potential candidates shall be admitted to the D. Sc/ D. Litt. /LL. D. program based on the merit position of the eligible candidates. Merit position shall be decided after completion of the entire process of PI/VV. The admission process shall be conducted once a year. The detailed and updated Guidelines will be available on the Directorate of Research website from time to time.

6.3.3 PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS / CONFERENCES

The university with its resolution in the Executive council has allocated a sum of Rs. 25000/- (Twenty-Five thousand) each to the teacher as travel support to participate in the National and

International Seminars / Conferences who have been invited to deliver a lecture or present his/her work as selected paper in the global arena.

Duty leave is sanctioned to teachers to undertake fieldwork and present their findings in seminars and conferences.

6.3.4 COMMENDATION OF THE TEACHERS

The MJP Rohilkhand University has identified the 5th of September the Teachers' Day to facilitate teachers of the University who have contributed to getting various schemes and programs of research in the form of Research Projects and publications to the university by various national and international bodies. A certificate of Honour and a commendation certificate will be given to the selected teachers.

6.4 RESEARCH INITIATIVES FOR THE INSTITUTIONS

6.4.1 THE POLICY OF RECOGNITION OF THE RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND SELF-SUSTAINED AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS AS RESEARCH CENTERS-

To catalyse the research in the research institutes and the Self-sustained affiliated institution the university has made the policy to recognize them as research centers too. The interested research institutes and the Self-sustained affiliated institutions have to apply to the university through the DoR via an application format with the necessary information. After the detailed evaluation of the documents and a physical visit for verification of the information given by the institution, they are recognized as research centers. They can now conduct research-related activities at their institutions under the aegis of the university. The Ph.D. programs have to maintain their standards, and support and promote cross-disciplinary teaching and research. Also, Institutions must ensure that research undertaken must match local needs and global challenges in the relevant disciplines. The detailed and updated Guidelines will be available on the Directorate of Research website from time to time.

7.0 STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

7.1 All the Teachers, Scholars, research professionals, and other Research stakeholders shall require to carry out their research in compliance with the University's ordinances/regulations.

7.2 Research projects that involve human or animal subjects must be approved in advance by concerned regulatory bodies and the University Research Ethics committee.

8.0 PUBLICATION AND IPR POLICY

The University will encourage faculty members to publish their work in high-quality SCIE, and UGC CARE-listed journals and also provides financial support if needed. The Academic Staff and Research Scholars are required to mention the university affiliation if it is published while the tenure of services in the university or with the privileges given by the university to complete the Ph.D.

Any publication done from the research projects funded in any form by the university shall be given due credit for the successful completion of the project.

9.0 RESEARCH COLLABORATION

MJP Rohilkhand University has an open policy to collaborate individually and institutionally with Local NGOs, National Institutions, Foreign Universities, and Scientific & Educational Institutions. Any international collaborative activity will be facilitated by the Directorate of International relations, MJPRU.

10.0 In case of any Dispute

These are broad policy guidelines and principles. It should be borne in mind that policy documents evolved in due course of time, spirit holds greater importance than words. All cases of lack of clarity on any issue, or any ambiguity, or subjectivity in interpretation, must be reported to the university, whose decision will be final and binding. The Vice-Chancellor may, at any point in time, call for its amendment or revision as deemed appropriate.