

West Bengal State University

Research Policy

The university's research will thrive on new ideas that are globally competitive, involving talented young men and women having aspirations towards making the country self-reliant, economically powerful, culturally vibrant, emotionally stable, and environmentally sustainable. Special emphasis will be given to the problems afflicting the rural poor in the area and finding solutions for them that are reasonably priced and made in house. Research will consider problems that are academically interesting, intellectually challenging, socially relevant and globally attractive. Since it takes time to develop research infrastructure, idea-based research will get priority. Research must be free from plagiarism, and the university has put in place a viable methodology to detect and eliminate plagiarism. Researchers invited by 50 top institutes of the world will be provided with full travel cost so as to enable them to present their work before the most competent scholars and researchers. Research students will also get the opportunity so that they get necessary enthusiasm to make significant contributions. The university will put equal stress on research in humanities, science and business and commerce. Promotion of interdisciplinary research will be done through the involvement of more than one department. Teachers getting research funds will be provided with 5 to 10% of additional research money, to be calculated on the quantum of funding. Affiliated colleges will be encouraged to create centers of research so that they can make their own contributions. Teachers publishing quality papers and books, and contributing regularly will be recommended for academic leadership positions in the state and also in the country. Ph. D. Theses submitted for award of the university's degree must append at least two papers published in the UGC approved journals excluding papers presented at the conferences. Periodical review of the research performance of the university departments will be done by external experts of repute. Departments showing remarkable creativity will be considered for special funding by the university. Research money will be spent judiciously, and utilization must be time bound. All transactions must be audited duly by the auditors chosen from a list of auditors approved by the university authority. First generation students pursuing research will be chosen as university ambassadors for promotion of the university values and ideals. Departments will be encouraged to collaborate with other universities/ institutions/ departments within the country and abroad. All university departments will recruit research students on merit judged through established procedures/ NET/SET, etc., and transparency will be maintained in the process of recruitment. Regular attendance of the research students will be recorded, and such records will be made available for scrutiny by the university authority as and when asked for. All raw data obtained through experiments done in

the university laboratories will be kept in the custody of the research supervisor, and they must be duly signed and preserved. Last but not the least, the university will try to create an innovations-cum-research ecosystem through relevant incubation processes/centers for generating sustainable economic, social and human capital and resources to cater to the interest of the nation at local, regional and national levels.