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RESEARCH POLICY AND ETHICS

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S.N.M College, has instituted a Research Advisory Council as per the guidelines of UGC, with the view to develop research, mobilise funding from different agencies, promote innovative research and enhance quality publication with good impact factor. The Committee has promoted and motivated the faculty to apply for and receive several research projects from government funding agencies such as FIST, ICSSR, UGC, KSCSTE etc. The research policy of S.N. M College serves as an overall framework for research activities that may be carried out in this institution.

Policy

- To create an enabling environment within the College in order to foster a research culture as well as provide required support through research framework and guidelines.
- To ensure high level of efficient and effective support system to facilitate faculty and researchers in their research activities.
- To create awareness and opportunities in R&D among the students and faculty and to create research culture in every department.
- To undertake research activities and development projects offered by agencies such as UGC, DBT, DST, DRDO, CSIR, AICTE, ICSSR, KSCSTE etc.
- To assist the students to apply funding for conducting research under student project scheme to various funding agencies.
- To assist for applying and getting funds for conducting Seminar/Workshop/FDP from various national and regional agencies.
- To work with various departments to establish and develop faculty research priorities on interdisciplinary areas.
- To nurture an environment of undertaking socially useful research with potential for commercialization.
- To have interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships nationally and globally.
- To coordinate faculty level workshops and staff development activities on research-related issues.

- To encourage development of activities to attract the best research oriented higher degree students.
- To maintain effective links with government departments, authorities, business, and commerce and industry organizations relevant to the college research activities.

Research Advisory Council (RAC)/ Research Development Council (RDC)

- The RAC/RDC meets twice in a year to monitor and identify future research prospects and works out strategy regarding joint research project funded by suitable agencies.
- The RAC/RDC monitors the research progress of PhD scholars.
- The RAC/RDC promotes collaborative interdisciplinary research projects with national institutes.
- The RAC/RDC helps in establishing peer networks through conference, seminars & mentoring programmes.
- The RAC/RDC helps PG students to carry out the part of their research work in different leading institutes and universities.
- The RAC/RDC works out strategies to increase the research publication in well-known indexed journals and to undertake consulting assignments.
- The RAC/RDC reviews the physical and financial utilization of sanctioned projects and advises the concerned researchers accordingly.
- The RAC/RDC serve as centre for ideation and conceptualization of research topics/themes by organizing workshops and training programs and ensuring the integrity and ethical practices in research activities.
- The RAC/RDC helps in augmenting the research commitments among the faculty and research scholars.

Code of Ethics in Research

This code of ethics in research sets forth as general principles of ethical conduct while conducting scholarly research. The principles represent the values and mission of S.N.M College Maliankara which enforces standards that directs researchers to an ethical course of action. The staff members of the college have commitment to the pursuit of truth; an abiding dedication to the promotion of the public good and a sustained interest in mentoring students and fellow researchers. We accept our duty to uphold the vision-mission of this institution to maintain the ideals of scholarly integrity and academic freedom. We hereby bind ourselves to

the strictest measure of integrity and the highest ethical standards to be worthy of the public trust. As a college, we seek to be honest and maintain credibility in the conduct of research. Research should be directed towards active dissemination of knowledge and enhance its validity through rigorous discussion and responsible criticism.

Thus, all faculty, research staff and students should fulfil the responsibilities and obligations stated below:

- ✓ Conduct all research activities in accordance with the accepted standards of our code of conduct.
- ✓ Ensure the accuracy of all data that the researcher and the collaborators have gathered and used in their research.
- ✓ Ensure that only the valid data and research results are published in journals, conferences and reports.
- ✓ Avoid misleading statements or declarations and vague assertions that could be subject to misinterpretation. If such misinterpretation is brought to our attention, it is our obligation to immediately issue clarification or rectification.
- ✓ Not to plagiarize; cite clearly all sources of information and data those are used in research.
- ✓ Give proper acknowledgment and credit to funding sources of our research.
- ✓ Maintain transparency in the use and disbursement of resources for your research.
- ✓ Ensure that research results are accessible to the public once the research is concluded or as soon as is reasonable.
- ✓ Respect the confidentiality of sources by not using or releasing data and information revealed in confidence.
- ✓ Take diligent care of the equipment and material sources.
- ✓ Utilize, distribute, or share material resources and equipment in accordance with the conditions set by the college.
- ✓ Observe safety practices in all the research activities.
- ✓ Report violation of any ethical code to the office or committee that has been duly mandated to evaluate and act on possible violations of research.

