



## CENTER FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (CRE)

**Preamble:** The Center for Research Excellence (CRE) has been established at OP Jindal University (OPJU), Raigarh which aims to nurture research culture at the university into challenging areas of Engineering, Technology, Science, Humanities and Management, including multidisciplinary fields. The CRE is a faculty-initiated activity at OPJU designed to increase the impact and prominence of scholarly research throughout the university. Under the auspices of the University Research Committee, the CRE will promote advancement, leadership and excellence in the pursuit of all areas of research, university-wide. The core of the CRE will be a group of OPJU faculty experts who are both accomplished and committed to promoting a culture of research excellence at OPJU.

**Constitution of CRE team: The tenure of the Director as well as the members are generally for the duration of two years.**

Director:	Dr Ashok K Srivastava
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Member:	Dr Satish Kanhed, Co-Coordinator, SOE
Member:	Dr Sandeep Biswal, Co-Coordinator, SOE
Member:	Dr Mahashakthi Mahamaya, SOE
Member:	Dr Mahendra Shrivastava, SOE
Member:	Dr R.S. Singh, Coordinator, SOS
Member:	Dr Deepak Patel, Co-Coordinator, SOS
Member:	Dr Tanweer Ahmad, Coordinator, SOM
Member:	Dr Sunil Kumar, Co-Coordinator, SOM

### **Objectives:**

1. Promote a culture of research and scholarship amongst the faculty
2. Become a central repository of all research related activities
3. Vet and approve all research related activities

### **Roles and Responsibilities of the CRE:**

1. Create and report on all research activities on a periodic basis.
2. Make the research activities visible on the website and other appropriate forums.
3. Create and manage an annual faculty research budget and get it approved for each academic year.
4. The research committee will use its annual research fund to decide on merit which proposals to fund.

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5. Put in place a process to approve and fund faculty participation in conferences.
6. Create and monitor an incentive scheme for promoting research publications / patents.
7. Create a process to encourage and reward faculty engaged in research grants.
8. The research committee will formulate the rules for qualifying for the approval of grants / awards and seek the approval of the Vice Chancellor.

**Rules and Regulations:**

***A: Attendance of Faculty Members at Conferences, Seminars, Scientific Meetings and Workshops***

1. Financial support to attend a conference, seminar, scientific meeting and workshop is only provided to the permanent Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor.
2. The topic of the conference, seminar, meeting or scientific workshop should be related to the applicant's discipline or duties.
3. The applicant should have spent at least one year or more at the OP Jindal University, however, the committee may recommend the application based on the performance of the applicant.
4. Participation should be in the name of the OP Jindal University and the article should be a peer reviewed article, and the event should be organized by a renowned organization.
5. The applicant should not be a passive participant and should have one of the following activities:
  - a) Presentation of a paper
  - b) Full length paper publication in a peer reviewed SCI/Scopes Indexed journal.
  - c) There should be clear evidences that the paper has been selected for presentation.
6. The topics of the conference, seminar, scientific meeting or workshop should be clear and focused and related to the interest of the university. Applicants should start making appropriate travel arrangements while awaiting approval of the request.
7. Application for national participation should be submitted one month prior to the event, similarly for foreign events, the applications should be submitted two months prior to the date of the event.
8. After attending the event, a faculty member should submit a detailed scientific report and deliver pedagogy to the Department/ CRE to share the experience. The documents related to his/her deputation shall be submitted through HOD/DEAN to the HR department for updating the same into personal file.
9. The CRE may recommend one or more of the following to a faculty.
  - a) The actual registration charges for national and international events the reimbursement would be as per actual (ceiling of 15000=00).
  - b) The travel expenses for international event as per actual upto 30000=00.

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- c) The travel expenses for national event as per actual upto 20000=00.
10. The deputation is restricted during the period of examinations and summer duties of the universities. Candidate will be given On Duty/Special Leave.
- 11: Each faculty can apply for one academic event (either national or international) annually.

***B: Incentives for outstanding research articles, projects, research proposals and patents.***

**Paper Publications:**

1. The University may award maximum amount **Rs.8000/-** per publication to the sole author for his Publication into SCI/Scopus Indexed Peer reviewed international journals recommended by CRE. There is no limit in number of publications in an year per faculty.
2. If more than one author involved in the publication from the university, the amount will be shared among them.
3. The corresponding author/main author of the publication would be eligible to get **60%** of the incentive amount and the remaining **40%** will be divided equally among the co-authors.

**Patent Publication:**

The university may provide **Rs. 20000/-** after initial publication of patent, once the patent is granted then the inventor(s) will be awarded **Rs. 20000/-** as an incentive after receiving grant letter from national/foreign agencies. For International Patents **50%** of filing cost or to the extent of maximum **Rs. 50000/-** will be provided whichever is lower. An incentive amount of **60%** to the First patentee and **40%** amount will be distributed among the remaining patentees. For patentees involved in patents applied from other organizations, **40%** incentive amount will be provided after receiving the grant. A total amount of **Rs. 200000/-** is allocated for all the schools. If there are one or more patents from one school then the amount will be disbursed from this total allocated money after receiving the review report from the CRE in the month of June every year.

**Externally Funded Research Projects:**

The university may retain **50%** of total amount granted as overheads expenses and award the sum of **30%** to the principal investigator (PI) and **20%** will be equally divided among all co-principal investigators (CO-PI). The amount will be disbursed upon successful completion of the project. If there are university liability cost included in the project then the amount will be adjusted accordingly.

**SEED Money:**

An amount of **Rs. 25000.00** will granted to mini projects as a research support to the faculty/staff of the university. The seed money can be claimed only by one investigator of the project and should be able to provide his explanation of the claim. One project per department/school may be considered for the grant. Faculty/Staff can claim the seed money only once in a year. The Seed money may be granted only after the

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approval from the CRE Director and Vice Chancellor of the University. An amount of **Rs 200000/-** maximum is allocated to all department/schools. If there are no projects received from any school the amount can be utilized by remaining schools provided they get the approval from CRE team. CRE will review the fund allocation every year in the month of June.

**Article Processing Charges (APC):**

To foster the quality research by the faculty, the CRE has decided to support/recommend the research which is published in prestigious Open Access Journals. The Open Access Journal should be either SCOPUS/SCI Indexed high impact journal. An amount of **Rs.25,000.00** per research article may be provided to the faculty. One research article from each department/school in a year may be encouraged for the same. The faculty may claim APC only once in a year. An amount of maximum **Rs. 200000/-** is allocated to all department/schools. Each department/school may take the advantage of claiming maximum of two APC within the allocated amount but after getting the approval from the CRE. It is compulsory that the faculty publishing in the open access should be first author/corresponding author of the publication. Each faculty per department publishing his research article in open access can claim the amount while submitting. If there is any unclaimed amount by any department in that case the amount can be used by the other department. But first they may have to pay the APC by their own and submit the bill and necessary documents to CRE and CRE team will review and at the end of the year the amount will be disbursed to the author (provided there is unclaimed amount).



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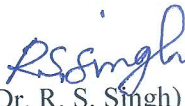
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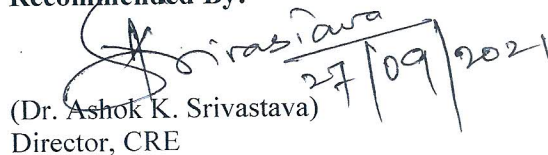


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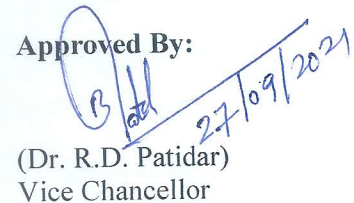
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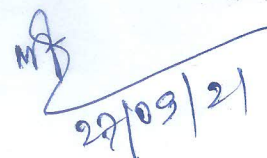


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