

SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR.

RESEARCH SENSITIZATION SCHEME FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Research Promotion Activity for students of the affiliated colleges/institutions
under Lead College Scheme

Introduction

Shivaji University has been carrying out various academic activities through the Lead College Scheme, an innovative academic practice successfully implemented for more than a decade. The scheme has received appreciation not only from the home university but also from other universities and institutions across the country. It is observed that a number of students are getting benefitted through the activities of the scheme. Recently it is felt that the scope of the scheme be enhanced by incorporating initial research component in it. Usually students get exposure to the research activity after completion of their Masters programme. It will be good if undergraduate students are given some exposure and training as far as research activity is concerned. With this view to support Research Projects for undergraduate students the present scheme is being introduced through Lead College Scheme. Shivaji University has established a corpus fund to support the scheme. All stipulated expenditure toward the implementation of the scheme will be met out of interest earned on the corpus fund.

Objectives of the Scheme:

- 1) To inculcate research culture among the students at undergraduate level.
- 2) To promote research potential of the students at an early stage of higher education.
- 3) To train the students regarding systematic conduct and documentation of research.
- 4) To encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst the advanced learners.

Guidelines for implementation of the scheme:

1. Research projects will be invited by the respective colleges/institutions, from a group of 3 to 4 students studying in final year or in the pre-final year of an undergraduate programme in the prescribed format. (Annexure-A)
2. Projects should be first invited at the college level. These projects will be scrutinized by the college through experienced teachers working in the respective college. Every college should forward only one project to the Lead College. A multi-faculty college should send a project on the basis of rotation among faculties, so that students of every faculty will be benefitted by the scheme. The decision of the Principal of the respective college for the selection of the project will be final. The college should assign a project advisor(s) to the student team.

3. The Lead College will organize guidance workshop for the concerned students, in which the experts will orient the students for smooth conduct of the project.
4. A research grant of maximum Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) per project will be given to the concerned college for meeting the expenditure of recurring nature towards the project work. The grant should be utilized for the sanctioned project work only.
5. Research project completed by the student team should be submitted in a bound form to their respective college. The presentation of the same be arranged in the college and the report be finalized. A soft copy (in pdf form) of the project be submitted to the lead college and to the University office at lead.college@unishivaji.ac.in.
6. The college should submit Utilization Certificate (UC) to the Lead College, along with the soft copy of the project. The concerned Lead College will then submit consolidated UC to the University.
7. The Lead College shall be provided with the research grant of Rs. 10,000/- per college. The Lead College shall distribute the grant to the concerned college as mentioned in (4) above. In addition, every Lead College shall be provided with Rs. 10,000/- as overhead charges to implement the scheme. This amount can be used for meeting expenditure towards, organising workshop for the students as mentioned in (3) above, payment of honorarium for the experts, fees to be paid to the Chartered Accountants etc.
8. Shivaji University may consider the outcome of the projects for publication in Special Issue of Shivaji University Journal every year.
9. The tentative schedule (last dates) to implement the scheme is as follows :
 - i) Inviting the Research Proposals from students(s) : 15th September.
 - ii) Submission of the project proposals to the Lead College : 30th September
 - iii) Organization of the one day workshop for the students : 15th October
 - iv) Submission of the final project to the respective college : 15th January
 - v) Submission of the softcopy to Lead college and to University : 1st February.

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Application for the Financial Support to Research Project
(to be submitted to the Lead College)

1.	Name of the College/Institute	
2.	Names of the students (upto four)	i) ii) iii) iv)
3.	Title of the Project	
4.	Area of research project/subject	
5.	Details of the research project	
	(i) Problems and its importance	To be attached on separate pages
	(ii) Objectives	
	(iii) Methodology	
	(iv) Projected output	
	(v) Financial requirements(up to Rs. 10000/-)	Rs.
6.	Any other information, if any	To be attached on separate page(s)

Name and signature of the Project Advisor

Names and signature of students

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

(iv) _____