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Sub: New Research Incentives and Chancellor's Research Awards

S.No.	Incentive	Existing Incentive detail	New Incentive approved
1	Incentive to be paid after completing the Extramural Funding project	5% of the extramural funding received to be shared in the ratio of 80% and 20% between PI & CI(s) respectively.	No Change
2	Indexed Books & Book Chapters	Rs. 20000/indexed Book & Rs. 5000/Indexed Book Chapter	Book or Book Containing Book Chapter shall have ISBN number. If the VMRF's author Position in the Book/Book Chapter is beyond FIVE, they are not eligible for incentive.
3	Patents & Published Copyrights	Rs. 50000/ for Indian Invention patent, Rs. 10000/ for Design patent granted. Patent applicant shall be in the name of VMRF (DU). Rs. 2500/ for Published Copyright. Published Copyright shall have VMRF (DU) affiliation. UK, South Africa, German design patents are not eligible for Incentive.	No Change. In addition, every Indian Invention Published will be given an incentive of Rs. 10000/, Prospectively. Incentive for Indian Invention Patents will be paid only after it is renewed for 10 Years in advance after granting of Patent.
4	Reimbursement of Patent Filing Charges.	Patents shall be filed under KAPILA scheme. Fees paid for filing patents, publishing, examination, fast tracking will be reimbursed after verifying University name is there as applicant.	Design Patents are not eligible reimbursement of Patent Filing Charges.
5	NPTEL/SWAYAM Courses.	Rs. 1000/ fixed amount after successful completion of Research Capacity Building Courses of 4 weeks or more duration.	No Change

6	Reimbursement of Publication Charges for publications made as First author in Q1, Q2 Journals of SCOPUS & WoS (Core Collection)	Reimbursement will be on production of proper receipts only: - Q1 Journals: Actual Publication Charges paid or Rs. 50000/ whichever is less. - Q2 Journals: Actual Publication Charges paid or Rs. 30000/ whichever is less. - The Publications shall be as First author for all faculty publications. - The Corresponding author (Faculty) for students' publications is also eligible. However corresponding author should have paid the Publication Charges and a receipt with corresponding author name shall be attached with incentive claim. Publication shall clearly mention the name of corresponding author.	Reimbursement will be on production of proper receipts only: - Q1 Journals: Actual Publication Charges paid or Rs. 100000/ whichever is less. - Q2 Journals: Actual Publication Charges paid or Rs. 50000/ whichever is less. - For all other Indexed Publications other than Q1 & Q2: Actual Publication Charges paid or Rs. 15000/ whichever is less. - The Publications shall be as First author for all faculty publications. - The Corresponding author (Faculty) for students' publications is also eligible. However corresponding author should have paid the Publication Charges and a receipt with corresponding author name shall be attached with incentive claim. Publication shall clearly mention the name of corresponding author.
7	Indexed Publications (JIF/Cite Score whichever is higher)	Existing Incentive in Rs.	Approved new Incentive in Rs. (A)
	0	2500/	No Change
	0.1 to 0.9	3500/	No Change
	1.0 to 1.9	7000/	No Change
	2 to 2.9	10000/	No Change
	3 to 4.9	15000/	No Change
	5 and above	15000/ + Rs. 250/ for every additional 0.1 JIF/Cite Score above 5.	No Change
		In addition to the above for promoting the quality Publications:	In addition to the above for promoting the quality Publications:
		i). If the Publication is by VMRF (DU) faculty as First Author of all faculty publications or corresponding author (Faculty Guide) of student's publications and	i). If the Publication is by VMRF (DU) faculty as First Author of all faculty publications or corresponding author (Faculty Guide) of student's publications and

		if the journal is Q1 journal of Scopus or WoS, the incentive paid will be 1.5 times A. ii). If the Publication is by VMRF (DU) faculty as First Author of all faculty publications or corresponding author (faculty) of student's publications and if the journal is Q2 journal of Scopus or WoS, the incentive paid will be 1.25 times A. iii) For student publications, incentive can be claimed by the corresponding author. The Publication shall clearly mention the name of the corresponding author.	if the journal is Q1 journal of Scopus or WoS, the incentive paid will be 2 times A. ii) For the Publications, where VMRF (DU) faculty is 2nd to 5th Author and the Publication is in Q1 Journal of Scopus or WoS, the incentive paid will be 1.75 times A. iii). If the Publication is in Q2 journal of Scopus or WoS, no extra Incentive will be paid. iii) For student publications, incentive can be claimed by the corresponding author. The Publication shall clearly mention the name of the corresponding author.
8	Author Position	Incentives, as per the new incentives policy for indexed Publications will be paid if VMRF (DU) faculty is in the first 5 authors' position in the publication (First author + 4 Authors). Full incentive will be paid to the corresponding author irrespective of author position. If the VMRF (DU) author is beyond 5th author position, the faculty will be paid 50% of the incentive amount, calculated as per the policy.	No Change
9	Chancellor's Awards of Rs. 1 Lakh each	Two Chancellor's awards (i) Highest cumulative JIF or Cite Score publications as First author (ii) Highest number of indexed Publications as First author will be given each separately to Three categories of faculties as follows: i) Health Sciences (Medical, Dental, Homeopathy, Pharmacy, Nursing, AHS, SRBS, Physiotherapy) ii) Engineering & Technology (including Management faculty). iii) Arts & Science, Law, Liberal Arts & Physical Education.	No Change

10	Chancellor's Awards of Rs. 50000/ each	Rs. 50000/ each to the faculty & Institute for highest value of extramural grants completed.	No Change
11	Criteria for eligibility of Chancellor's awards	a) The indexed Publications with Highest Cumulative journal impact factor/Cite Score by a faculty member. To be eligible the Cumulative Journal Impact Factor/Cite Score shall be more than or equal to 5. b) Max. Number of indexed publications by a faculty member. The number of eligible publications shall be more than or equal to 5. c) To be eligible for these awards, the publications shall be as First Author. d) Faculty who has received and completed highest externally funded Research project. To be eligible the total received money shall be more than or equal to Rs. 10 Lakhs. e) Institution that has received and completed highest cumulative external funded research projects in that calendar year. To be eligible the total received money of the projects shall be more than or equal to Rs.10 Lakhs. f) Assistant Professor (Research) are not eligible for Chancellor's awards.	No Change
		<i>For Chancellor's Awards, the indexed publications made based on the faculty's original Research only will be counted and review publications or single case report publications will not be counted.</i>	No Change
12	Research Prizes of Rs. 10000/ each.	The Following Ten Research Prizes will be given on the University Research Day.	In addition to these 10 Research Prizes, 3 more Research Prizes are introduced.

		1) Institute which has published highest number of indexed Publications in Q1 Journals of Scopus/WoS (Core Collection) with their faculty as First author. To be eligible the minimum number of Q1 publications shall be 5. 2) Assistant Professor of VMRF (DU) who has published highest number of indexed Publications in Q1 & Q2 Journals of Scopus/WoS (Core Collection) as First author. To be eligible the minimum number of Q1 & Q2 publications shall be 2. 3) Associate Professor of VMRF (DU) who has published highest number of indexed Publications in Q1 & Q2 Journals of Scopus/WoS (Core Collection) as First author. To be eligible the minimum number of Q1 & Q2 publications shall be 2. 4) Professor of VMRF (DU) who has published highest number of indexed Publications in Q1 & Q2 Journals of Scopus/WoS (Core Collection) as First author. To be eligible the minimum number of Q1 & Q2 publications shall be 2. 5) Female faculty who has published highest number of indexed Publications in Q1 & Q2 Journals of Scopus/WoS (Core Collection) as First author. To be eligible the minimum number of Q1 & Q2 publications shall be 2. 6) Female faculty who got maximum number of Indian Invention patents granted. To be eligible the minimum number of Invention Patents granted shall be 2. 7) Faculty (both Male & Female) who got maximum number of Indian Invention patents granted. To be eligible the minimum number of Invention Patents granted shall be 2.	11. The institute which got granted highest number of Indian Invention Patents in the calendar year. To be eligible minimum shall be 5 Patents. 12. The institute which got published highest number of Indian Invention Patents in the calendar year. To be eligible minimum shall be 5 Patents. 13. Faculty who got published highest number of Indian Invention Patents in the calendar year. To be eligible minimum shall be 2 Patents.
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		8) Institute which got maximum cumulative amount of extramural projects sanctioned from Government agencies in the calendar year. To be eligible the minimum amount shall be Rs. 20 Lakhs. Student projects are not considered. 9) Faculty who got maximum cumulative amount of extramural projects sanctioned from Government agencies in the calendar year. To be eligible the minimum amount shall be Rs. 10 Lakhs. Student projects are not considered. 10) Faculty who has successfully converted their Seed Money Project in to an Extramural funding from Government agencies. To be eligible the minimum grant shall be Rs.10 Lakhs. (Any number of Prizes). Assistant Professor (Research) are not eligible for Research Prizes.	
		Note: a) Any faculty who got Chancellor's Award for the same publications will not be eligible for Research Prize. b) Any female faculty who is getting Research prize for publications under Assistant/Associate/Professor category will not be eligible again under female faculty category. c) For Category 6 & 7 Research Prizes, the same female faculty will get only one research prize even if she is eligible under both the categories. d) Research Paper contest on University Research Day for faculty & Students under Health Sciences & Other than health sciences categories will continue as in earlier years.	No Change
13	Best Ph.D Thesis award	Best Ph.D Thesis award of Rs. 25000/ each and certificate of appreciation will be given to the Ph.D Scholar in each of the 15 faculties. (For faculties in	No Change

		which Ph.D program is offered by VMRF (DU).	
		The criteria for choosing the best thesis in a faculty will be formulated subsequently by the University in tune with UGC guidelines.	
		The committee constituted by Hon. Vice Chancellor will evaluate the best theses in 5 disciplines among the 15 best theses and recommend to Hon. Vice Chancellor for nominating to UGC.	
14	Incentive or Honorarium for Ph.D Supervisors.	Nil	a) An honorarium of Rs. 10000/ will be paid to the Research Supervisor on the award of Ph.D degree to the Research Scholar. b) An additional honorarium of Rs. 2500/ (Total: Rs. 12500/) will be paid if the Research Scholar Publishes more than 2 indexed publications related to the Ph.D topic OR publishes at least one Q1 Publication related to Ph.D topic. c) An additional honorarium of Rs. 5000/ (Total: Rs. 15000/) will be paid if the Research Scholar Publishes more than 2 indexed publications related to the Ph.D topic AND publishes at least one Q1 Publication related to the Ph.D topic. This honorarium will be paid for the Ph.D's completed after 7th July 2025. These honorarium Payment along with Certificate of Appreciation will be coordinated by Ph.D Section.

15	Reimbursement of Renewal fee of Indian Invention Patents Granted with University as applicant.	University will reimburse the renewal fee for the Indian Invention Patents Granted to faculty, with University as Applicant for up to 10 years. These reimbursement fee will be reimbursed along with incentives after production of receipt.	No Change
16	Taking Back Incentives Paid from faculty whose publications are retracted	Nil	Normally Retractions happen after 2 or 3 years after publication. As it is difficult take back the incentive, the proposal is postponed for the present.
17	Developing NPTEL/ SWAYAM course and offering it through NPTEL/SWAYAM Portal..	NIL	Rs. 25000/course.

This new Policy will come into effect for the Research Outcomes from the date of Publication of this policy.

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