



KALINGA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (KISS)
Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar - 751024
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3.1.1 Policy for Promotion of Research

Q: The institution's Research facilities are frequently updated and there is a well-defined policy for the promotion of research which is uploaded on the institutional website and implemented.

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The following steps have been taken to promote research activities of the University:

1. The University has a Research and Development (R&D) Cell. Under the Cell, there are various Committees as per the guidelines of the University Grants Commission. The R&D Cell **frequently upgrades research facilities at KISS-DU** in a phased manner.
2. Research at KISS-DU is conducted in such a manner that:
 - Knowledge-production and dissemination of knowledge in Tribal studies is facilitated
 - Agriculture, nutritional, medicinal and therapeutic, ecological, legal issues and problems of the tribals are given priority
 - Research on the various aspects of tribal life and culture is conducted
 - Faculty members are encouraged to participate in capacity building programmes
 - Efforts are taken to apply for and secure projects, both theoretical and action-oriented, sponsored by various Government and Non-government funding agencies.
 - Memoranda of Understanding are signed with various Universities/Research Institutes/ Corporates/Civil Society Organisations for collaborative research, faculty and student exchange and development of leadership skills
3. The University has established seven Research Chairs in the name of eminent personalities, i.e. Utkal Gaurab Madhusudan Das, Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das, Santha Kabi Bhima Bhoi, Prabada Purusha Biju Patnaik, Sahid Laxman Naik, Bhagwan Birsa Munda and Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, in order to promote research on the life and works of the aforementioned luminaries.
4. Seven innovative schools and seven research centres provide an ideal ambience for interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research. Seminars, symposia, workshops and various training programmes organised by the schools and centres contribute to research initiatives across disciplines.
5. The University has signed MoUs with institutions of National/International repute in order to strengthen the research ecosystem. Program-level collaborations have also been made between various programs of KISS-DU and departments of other universities/institutions.
6. The university provides seed money (under its research promotion policy) to supervisors to conduct innovative and original research. An incentivization policy of the university motivates faculty members to conduct advanced research leading to publications.
7. The University has many well-equipped laboratories, including three special laboratories for language, research on ethnomedicine, and nanotechnology.
8. The library is fully automated and has a good number of research journals, reference books, and text-books. Library users have access to a digital library to facilitate their research activities.
9. Faculty members and researchers are also encouraged to apply for extramural funding via National and International funding agencies.

10. The Human Resource Development Centre has been conducting various training and capacity building programmes to enhance the research skills of the faculty, research scholars and staff members.
11. All research scholars have been offered freeships covering accommodation and food in the campus hostels. Scholars are allowed to pursue their doctoral studies free of cost.
12. The Research Consultancy Policy of the university provides well-defined guidelines encouraging faculty members to undertake consultancy projects.
13. Twenty-four Professors Emeriti (modern intellectuals) and fourteen Professors of Practice (traditional intellectuals) have been guiding our students and faculty. They share innovative ideas with our faculty members and research scholars, facilitate enhanced mentorship.

Documents Attached

- [Policy for Promotion of Research](#)