

10. RC RECOGNITION

Research Centre Recognition /Renewal in the affiliated Colleges

A) ELIGIBILITY

- (1) A Department of a College affiliated to the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University will be recognized as a Research Centre by the University/Syndicate, if it fulfills the following conditions:
- (2) PG Programme should be offered in the department with at least one batch completing the programme.
- (3) Two approved Ph.D. Research Supervisors with good quality research publications should be available to supervise Ph.D. candidates in the department
- (4) Sufficient infrastructure facilities with books, journals, lab facilities etc. should be available in that department.

B) GENERAL

1. The Department of an affiliated College with fresh application for offering Research Programme shall submit a detailed proposal with prescribed application and registration fee along with the College Committee/Governing Council's (with University nominee) specific resolutions to start the new research programme during a particular year.

2. If the Research Programme is offered in the subsequent year the College shall submit fresh resolutions of the College Committee/Governing Council's (with University nominee) for the research programmes offering during that particular year.

3. The tuition fees and other fees, except those coming under the purview of the University, shall be levied from the students, as prescribed by Government from time to time.

4. The College Management shall clear all the dues to the University, pending advances, etc., before grant of recognition by the University.

5. The Research Centre affiliation fee shall be paid once after the recognition of the Centre. The annual renewal fee shall be paid separately on every year on or within the month of recognition of a Research Centre.

(C)

1. The maximum intake of candidates for full-time and part-time Ph.D. Programme (for laboratory and non-laboratory subjects) in each Department of the College/Institution will be fixed by the Inspection Commission constituted by the University, based on the facilities available in the College/Institution and research paper publications of the eligible Research Supervisor(s).

2. If a new additional eligible Research Supervisor is recruited the Inspection Commission will visit the existing Research Centre and assess the facilities available in the College/Institution and research paper publications of the newly recruited eligible Research Supervisor(s).

In case of mobility of Research Supervisors, the guidelines given below are to be followed strictly:

- i. **Mobility within the jurisdiction of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University:** The PhD Scholar may be transferred to any of the institution affiliated to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University where the Research Supervisor is employed, following the norms of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University in the PhD regulations 2023.
- ii. **Mobility to other Colleges/Institution/ change of profession/ countries etc.:** The Management / Principal shall submit an undertaking to the University to appoint a new qualified Research Supervisor for the registered PhD Scholar(s) within three months from the date of mobility/resignation of the Research Supervisor to the University forthwith is mandatory.

D) INSPECTION COMMISSION:

- (1) An Inspection Commission consisting of a Convener and a Subject Expert appointed by the Vice-Chancellor will be sent once in three years to all the approved/existing Research Centres of the University for Inspection.
- (2) The Inspection Commission for New Research Centre shall assess the facilities and expertise available in a particular Research Centre and recommend in its report to the University about the PhD Programmes to be approved in a particular subject and allied subjects.
- (3) The Inspection Commission is to ensure the adherence of norms stipulated for Research Centres viz., infrastructure and institutional facilities available. The Commission has to ensure whether at least out of two, one Research Supervisor has 3 years of continuous service left for his/her retirement. The committee shall submit a detailed report in the prescribed format.
- (4) If the inspection committee recommends for RC approval in their report, the affiliated college shall pay the prescribed affiliation fee before the grant of recognition.
- (5) The affiliated College shall display a copy of the communication of the University granting recognition for the programme in the College Website before the admission is made.
- (6) If the Department of an affiliated College doesn't fulfill the conditions during the Inspection Commission and if the committee recommends for Re-Inspection they shall apply for the same with the prescribed fee.

E) INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH CENTRE RECOGNITION /RENEWAL

- (1) The Interdisciplinary Research Centre (IRC) should have clear cut protocol for governance, function and sustenance with clear vision statement, mission targets and impact analysis.
- (2) The proposed institution should have at least 'A+' Grade status in NAAC Accreditation process with at least 10 Research Centres, approved by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.
- (3) The institution should have attained the status of College with Potential for Excellence / DSIR certification.
- (4) The proposed Research Centre should accommodate atleast a minimum of three new faculty/Research Scientist in the pay scale of Assistant Professor/Scientist 'C' with minimum of three different disciplines. Faculty members of the same institution can also conduct Interdisciplinary Research in this Centre, provided should be a recognized Research Supervisor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University and is attached to a Research Centre approved by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.
- (5) The Director/ Co-Ordinator should have H-index of 20 and not exceeding 70years of age. If the Director exceeds more than 70 years of age, a Deputy Director shall be appointed with the same qualification of the requirement of the Director.
- (6) The Centre should have discipline specific high-end research equipments and high-speed internet facility as per the verification / recommendation of Inspection Commission. The facilities of Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF) of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University may be utilized for research purposes following the norms of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.
- (7) The proposed Interdisciplinary Research Centre should have a minimum of 5000 sq.ft. for Science discipline(s) and 2500 sq.ft. for Arts/Humanities/Languages discipline(s)
- (8) The cumulative "H" index of the faculty members of the proposed centre should be more than 30.
- (9) At the time of establishment, the proposed Interdisciplinary Research Centre should have 10 publications in SCI journals. At the time of renewal, the centre established should have a minimum of two SCI journals per year.
- (10) The proposed Interdisciplinary Research Centre shall apply for recognition with prescribed affiliation fee of Three Lakh rupees.
- (11) All the research publications should carry the name of the affiliating University, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.
- (12) The proposed Interdisciplinary Research Centre shall operate atleast one funded major project at the time of every renewal.
- (13) The Interdisciplinary Research Centre should have taken any local problem/issue and should have scientifically solved the problem/issue. The required documents should be enclosed at the time of renewal.
- (14) The Interdisciplinary Research Centre, at the time of renewal will be evaluated on Social Scientific Responsibility (SSR) comprising of knowledge dissemination purposes through awareness programmes, workshop and hands on training every year.

- (15) The Interdisciplinary Research Centre shall go for patents / other IPRs developed by the centres.
This number can be considered as SCI publications.
- (16) Successful licensed products, incubated products can be listed in lieu of publications, where a weightage of two SCI publications per product.