

Research Promotion Policy



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RESEARCH PROMOTION POLICY

Introduction

A willed effort of creating a vibrant research culture is the prior Policy of Jain Vishva Bharati Institute (JVBI). Sanctity of an Educational Institution depends upon its Research Policy and innovation outcome. Jain Vishva Bharati Institute (Deemed University) allocates funds for providing financial support to its young research fellows, faculties, Emeritus Professors or renowned scholars. The Research Promotion Policy of the JVBI aims to help and motivate the research scholar and other stakeholders to achieve the excellence in Research, Innovation, Contributing to Institutional and Societal uplift. It is endeavour to facilitate Research Scholars to undertake research project and carryout innovative studies in Social Sciences with an aim of establishing the theoretical truth of Jain doctrines and developing them further to present before the humanity at large the practical applications of these concepts and benefits of various spiritual practices.

OBJECTIVES

This policy contains broad framework to guide research innovations, productivity and advancements at the Institute. The objective of the policy are as under:

1. Enhancing visibility of Institute in area of research.
2. Introducing the culture of research among faculty members.
3. Providing financial support to teachers of Institute for conducting individual researches.
4. To contribute in resolving the burning global problems such as violence, threatening peace and harmony in life at all levels—inter-personal, inter-communal and inter-national.

INITIATIVES AND PROVISIONS

- To promote the research activities JVBI has established two separate Research Centers/Cells with separate objects:
 - (i) BHAGAWAN MAHAVIRA INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE (BMIRC): It is an endeavour to facilitate scholars to undertake research projects and carry out innovative studies in social sciences with an aim of establishing the theoretical truths of the Jain doctrines and developing them further to present before the humanity at large the practical applications of these concepts and benefits of various spiritual practices.
 - (ii) MAHADEOLAL SARAOGI ANEKANT SHODHPEETH: MLSASP has also been entrusted to organizing seminars/workshops/conferences and lecture series, preparing dictionaries and encyclopedias (kosh) in diverse disciplines of Jain Vidya, Translating the Jain texts and literature available in Indian and foreign languages into Hindi and English, Offering courses on understanding Jainism at national and international level, organizing international student exchange programmes and Publishing important literature pertaining to Jain Vidya etc.
- MONOGRAPH WRITING: Jainism has very deep insights and unique ideas related to spirituality, non-violence, morality, tolerance, forgiveness, co-existence, non-absolutism and vegetarianism. Today current generation is very curious to know Jain concepts but due to Sanskrit and difficult Hindi language they are not able to taste Jain literature. BMIRC thought to take initiative to write monographs on each Jain Concept so every person can be benefitted with the beauty of Jain tenets.

- **STARTUP RESEARCH GRANTS:** To involve the faculties in research the Institute has been providing startup research grants from its internal resources to undertake research and publications work.
- **STIPEND TO RESEARCH SCHOLARS:** To promote researches in the field of Jainism and oriental studies, JVBI provides scholarship to needy PG, Ph.D. & D.Lit. Research scholars.
- **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT:** JVBI provides financial support to the faculty members to upgrade the knowledge and research skills through their participation in refresher courses, orientation programmes, induction programmes and faculty development programmes.
- **PUBLICATION:** JVBI publish the selected best research works of the faculty members from its internal resources.
- **RECOGNITION & AWARD:** Research award will be instituted and awarded annually to the best researcher from its internal faculty members.

RESEARCH ALLOCATION GUIDELINES

Guidelines for Research Projects Funded by the Institute

Introduction:

The Institute allocates funds for providing financial support to teachers for conducting individual and excellent research in specialized areas.

Objectives:

1. Providing financial support to teachers of Institute for conducting individual researches.
2. Introducing the culture of research among faculty members.
3. Enhancing visibility of Institute in area of research.

Eligibility/ Target Group:

1. A working teacher or Emeritus Professor or a renowned scholar or a young research fellow is eligible to avail this facility.
2. Renowned scholar (not working with Institute) should submit his/her research proposal through any recognized/registered institution.
3. At a given time a working teacher can take only one research project.
4. Every teacher will submit the report of sanctioned research project.
5. After completion of previously under taken project, another project can be taken.

Nature of Assistance:

The quantum of assistance for research project will be upto 10 lakhs only, having following ceiling of funds according to type of project:

Pilot Project	:	50,000/-
Minor Project	:	2,00,000/-
Major Project	:	10,00,000/-

The financial assistance in case of sanctioned research project submitted by renowned scholar (not working with Institute) will be released to institution through which project was sanctioned.

Release of Funds

Funds will be released in three installments:

- I. 40 percent at the time of sanction.
- II. 40 percent after development of tools and readiness for field work.
- III. 20 percent on the submission of draft report.

Procedure for Sanction:

1. Every Year Institute will invite research proposals up to fixed date and the institute will also publish a list of desired research topics.
2. The submitted research proposals will be scrutinized by a committee constituted by Vice-Chancellor for deciding about worthiness of proposal to be sent to expert.
3. Such proposals cleared by committee will be sent to experts for his/her/their comments and clear-cut recommendation.
4. The suggested revisions or comments of expert will be incorporated in the project and re-submitted.
5. Finally, the committee will recommend the proposal for sanction to Vice-Chancellor after seeing that expert's Comments / suggestions have been incorporated or not.

Submission of Progress Report

Researcher is supposed to submit progress report as per following nature of project.

Pilot	Every Three Months
Minor	Every Three Months
Major	Every Six Months

In case of major research project, conducting of seminar is essential for discussing findings of project in which at least one representative of the Vice-chancellor should be invited.

Time Limit:

Research Project may have the time limit as per following nature of project.

Pilot	Six Months
Minor	One Year
Major	Two Years

Budget Allocation:

The budget allocation should be done under following heads.

Non-Recurring Assistance

- a. Equipment (Minor only)
- b. Books and Journals

After the completion of the project the equipment and books and journals acquired by researchers must be deposited in central store (Equipment) and Library (Books and Journals)

Recurring Assistance

- a. **Personnel** including remuneration to Principal Investigator if any.
Personnel required for reviewing literature, developing tools, conducting field work is to be utilized for analysis of data and report writing.
- b. **Travel and Field Work** – The amount allocated under the head travel/ field work is to be utilized for data collection and collection of other information such as documents and visit to libraries, but not for attending seminars, conferences, workshops, training courses etc.
There should be provision of special leave to teachers for conducting supervision of field work.
- c. **Stationary and Printing** – Finance needed for preparation of tools for conducting proposed research work and stationary needed should be mentioned.
- d. **Hiring Services** – This is meant for stabilized technical work such as sample analysis.

- e. **Contingency** – The contingency grant may be utilized on spares of apparatus, photo-state copies, microfilms, typing, postage, telephone calls, audit fee etc. This is limited to ten percent of the total expenditure proposed (maximum 10% of the sanctioned amount).
- f. **Misc.** – Any type of expenditure not envisaged in above heads (maximum 10% of the sanctioned amount).
- g. **Re-Appropriation** – The Project Incharge / Principal Investigating may re-appropriate maximum 20 percent of the recurring grant allocated under each head with the permission of Vice-Chancellor.

General Rules

- a. Research Project is not transferable in any case.
- b. If Project Incharge / Principal Investigator fails to complete the project, he/she has to refund the entire amount released.

Guidelines for Monograph Writing

In order to promote Jain studies and researches, the idea of establishing Bhagawan Mahavira International Research center (BMIRC) in the department of Jainology and Comparative Religion and Philosophy, JVBI Ladnun, was first given by Acharya Mahaprajna in 2009 with an aim to create scholars with specialization in Jain studies. BMIRC was launched in the benign presence of Acharya Mahashraman in Delhi, 2014 at the occasion of Birth century of Acharya Tulsi.

The purpose of BMIRC is to chalk out a plan for initiating organised research on scientific lines in various spheres of Jainology, reinterpret them in current colloquial language, bring out their benefits in a quantitative way, apply them in daily life and compare them with modern scientific concepts and tools.

Background of Monograph writing: Jainism has very deep insights and unique ideas related to spirituality, non-violence, morality, tolerance, forgiveness, co-existence, non-absolutism and vegetarianism. Today current generation is very curious to know Jain concepts but due to Sanskrit and difficult Hindi language they are not able to taste Jain literature. BMIRC thought to take initiative to write monographs on each Jain Concept so every person can be benefitted with the beauty of Jain tenets.

Eligibility and Requirements: Educators, scholars, practitioners, and writers who have substantive knowledge of Jain concepts, writing ability, and relevant research are encouraged to apply.

Process of Acceptance and Approval

1. BMIRC will invite Scholars and promised young researchers to write monograph on particular topic.
2. After having conversation with scholar and research BMIRC will select them as Monograph author.
3. The suggested name for author will be sent to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for final approval.
4. Finally approval letter will sent to the Author.

Expectation from Author

- Explanation of topic with research on the original texts.
- The language & terminology used are not overly academic but it must be simple, understandable, clear and accessible.
- It must cover complete idea of the concept.
- Authors are expected to relate with modern contexts and terms.
- Usage of Images and examples will make easier to understand the idea.
- Difference in tradition (Svetambara & Digambara) must be stated clearly.
- Arguments presented must avoid unnecessary complex and contradiction to Jain Concepts.

Bullet Points: Definition, Characteristics, types, practical examples, significance, practical implication.

Peer-Review: BMIRC Monograph drafts go through an external review process before they are accepted for publication. The reviews are conducted by experts in the field.

- After the external reviews are submitted to BMIRC we pass them onto the author. If the monograph is recommended for publication by both reviewers, BMIRC asks the author to address reviewers' suggested changes, if any. The author lets BMIRC know which of the suggested changes were incorporated into the monograph and which ones were left out and why;

Publication Format: The length of the monograph should be between 15,000 and 17,000 words, or around 60-100 pages (double space, 12 pt. font size, Times New Roman). The author must use **APA style** and **in-text citations**.

Duration: 3 months after approval Date.

Honorarium: 21,000 rupees.

RESOURCES

Separate Budget head for research is created by the BOM for the purpose of generation and allocation of resources for research.

RECRUITMENT & PROMOTION

It is mandatory to all the faculty members to participate in the research activities. As per UGC guidelines, it is also necessary to secure minimum API score. Research output is one of criteria for promotion. Number of articles published at the national and international level will be considered for promotion. The quality of research may be assessed as Impact Factor, as appropriate.

REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF RUNNING PROJECTS

The Institute will review the progress of the running projects time-to-time.

Bhagawan Mahavira International Research Centre (BMIRC)

Bhagawan Mahavira International Research Centre (BMIRC) was established on 2nd October 2014. It is an endeavour to facilitate scholars to undertake research projects and carry out innovative studies in social sciences with an aim of establishing the theoretical truths of the Jain doctrines and developing them further to present before the humanity at large the practical applications of these concepts and benefits of various spiritual practices.

These are not only relevant in the modern age but also have the potential of making substantial contribution in resolving the burning global problems such as:

- Violence, threatening peace and harmony in life at all levels—inter-personal, inter-communal and inter-national. It has resulted in unprecedented bloodshed and loss of life around the world. Meticulous practice of Non-violence, which is the cornerstone of Jainism, offers a panacea to many global maladies.
- The current affluent lifestyle with a goal to amass wealth and consumerism, have resulted in disastrous damage to the ecosystem and is not sustainable. Global Economics based on the Jain ethical principle of Aparigraha and Iccha-parimana (non-acquisitiveness and limited desires) can provide a sustainable development model.
- Destructive human emotions and intolerant behaviour have torn the moral and social fibre of humankind, and have led to many serious problems such as mental disorders and conflict at personal, family and social levels. The spiritual practices of meditation, contemplation, auto-suggestion, colour-visualization and the like prescribed in the ancient Jain canonical texts require a thorough scientific research to prove their efficacy in bringing about the transformation of human consciousness in terms of neuroscientific phenomena and thus can provide solution to these problems.

Besides these issues, there are a number of daily life problems which can be resolved through effective Jain practices such as:

- Tolerance and Forgiveness
- Dietary control and self-discipline
- Application of Anekant & Relativistic perspective, i.e., appreciation of all possible view points of any issue to resolve any conflict
- Peaceful co-existence and Religious Harmony
- Austerities and Penances
- Compassion and Friendliness
- Brahmacharya—Self-discipline to curb the sensual desires
- Value-education—Inculcation of spiritual, moral and human values from the very childhood or even in pre-natal state.

BMIRC Research Policy

1. Research activities shall be focused on the objectives of the four Chairs; many important areas have been identified by the advisers. Interdisciplinary projects can also be undertaken.
2. English translation of important Jaina texts and books is also a desirable activity. Translation of scriptures must have a commentary in modern context.
3. Any scholar or institution, national or overseas, interested in promoting the objectives of the Center can submit project proposals for study and research.
4. The Center may also initiate on its own research in areas identified and appoint such staff as may be necessary for this activity.
5. The projects shall be assessed for its importance and requirements by a Research Committee which will forward its recommendations to the Director for approval of VC.

6. The Research Committee shall comprise of selected members of the Advisory Board. Other experts may be co-opted depending on the requirements of the project.
7. The projects shall be financed by Center/JVBI.
8. The project can be executed at the Center or any of the Chapters depending on the availability of resources.
9. In case of project from overseas the Center/JVBI shall find appropriate funding agency to finance the project. Special rules if required for such projects may be framed by the Center.
10. The credentials of the Principal Investigator (PI), including projects in hand and remuneration thereof, shall be assessed by the Research Committee while making recommendations to the Director.
11. The PI shall be allowed an honorarium of Rs. 2000 per day up to a maximum of Rs. 50000 pm for the period of his stay at Ladnun. No remuneration shall be admissible for working at home. JVBI may provide the facility of free boarding and lodging at Ladnun campus and TA for journey.
12. The PI is encouraged to refer to Library of JVBI and information available on the internet. No charges for local library consultation shall be admissible.
13. The typing work may be done at the Center/Chapter office as far as possible. In case this is not possible the actual typing charges may be reimbursed by the Center. No post of typist shall be sanctioned for any individual project.
14. Besides research and translation editing of important manuscripts may also be undertaken as projects. In this case remuneration may be paid on page basis (a page consisting of 500 words).
15. All reports, books, Monographs, etc. on the outcome of research and study shall be published in English. However, in case of manuscripts the language can be Hindi or English.
16. It is suggested that publication series be started e.g.
 - a. Acharya Tulsi Series for research publications.
 - b. Acharya Mahaprajna series for translation, etc.
17. The laboratory and office facilities available at JVBI and local Chapters may be used for the projects. Investigations requiring costly machines and equipment's must be out sourced. However, funds can be sanctioned for small items.
18. The PI shall submit quarterly progress reports on the project. This report shall be assessed by the Research Committee. The PI shall also submit a final report on completion of the project. Care must be taken to avoid statements that may be source of controversy between various sects of Jainism and its main principles.
19. The PI is free to publish the findings of research in reputed journals and magazines and also present in National and international Conferences with the prior permission of the Center. The support of the Center shall be acknowledged in all such cases. Generally center shall not be liable to pay any expenses for this but particular cases may be considered on merit on special request by Pt.
20. The PI shall be responsible for maintaining and submission of final accounts in the format decided by the Center.
21. The budget of the project shall be released on quarterly basis. The budget of the next quarter shall be released on receipt of utilization certificate of the last quarter.
22. It shall be the prerogative of the Director to discontinue or terminate the project at any stage in case of unsatisfactory progress as reported by the Research Committee.

Broad Areas of Research

- History, Culture and Literature
- Metaphysics, Epistemology and Logic
- Science and Mathematics in Jainism
- Jain Ethics, Environmental Science and Social Science

Activities of BMIRC

- To study and analyze the relevance of scientific knowledge in Jain literature to modern science in the areas of medical sciences, meditation, astronomy, geography, physical and natural sciences, quantum theory etc.
- To study effects of Preksha Meditation on brain, intellect and psychological functions through electrophysiological, biochemical, psychosocial and imaging investigations.
- Research in brain and other systems of body.
- Studies of Jain Philosophical texts and develops a better understanding about their contents.
- Analyze the content of Agmic literature from mathematical and scientific point of view.
- To study the contribution, transmission, influences among Indian and other civilization in reference to Jain School of Mathematics and Science.
- To collect all the Manuscripts/Scanned Copies of Mathematics and Science written by Jain Scholars.
- Translate and prepare critical edition of the unpublished Manuscripts.
- To encourage undertaking studies and preparing tracts on specified mathematical and scientific topics common with other eastern and western traditions along with modern science.
- Training in Preksha Meditation :
 - General public both at Ladnun and at peripheral centres
 - Training of instructors
- Treatment of different diseases through Preksha Meditation & organization of camps at Ladnun and outside,
- Organization of seminars and lectures etc.

List of Completed Research Projects:

- Effect of Prolong Fasting on Human Health — Dr. Pratap Sanchetee
- Effect of Preksha Meditation on Mental Health of Elderly — Dr. Pratap Sanchetee
- History of Jain Philosophy and Philosophical Literature — Prof. Sagarmal Jain
- (i) History of Jain Arts and Monuments; (ii) Jain Logic : A Comparative Study — Prof. Bhagchandra Jain
- History of Apabhraṃsh Literature — Prof. Premsuman Jain
- Ahimsa and Peaceful Coexistence through Spiritual Practices (Psycho-biological Studies to Investigate Effects of Yoga and Preksha Dhyān on Aggressiveness and Academic Performance of School Children) — Prof. Viney Jain
- Engaging Jainism with Modern Issues — Prof. S.R. Bhatt
- Accomplished Research: Jain Ethics, Environment Science — Dr. Kamini Gogri
- English Translation and Transliteration of Bhagavati Aradhana with Critical Notes — Prof. Dalpat Singh Baya
- Bibliography of Jain Literature — Samani Agam Prajna
- In a Globalized World Jainology Provides Inclusive & Sustainable Solution for Human Problems — Prof. L.N. Nathuramka and Ashok Bafna

List of Ongoing Research Projects:

- Critical Interpretation of Jain Myth at Angkor Period in Present Cambodia — Dr. Sharadchandra Haribhau Tilait (Jain)
- 'Jainas' Role in Origin and Subsequent Development of Number Theory — Prof. S. Panayappan

Mahadeolal Saraogi Anekant Shodhpeeth

Introduction

MLSASP is a significant research cell of the institute. This is a well-known fact that Jain Vidya has a vast ocean of philosophic and scientific knowledge which has yet to be presented before the world in adequate and specific form. The spectacular progress of modern science has also provide the impetus to delve into our ancient intellectual accomplishments and establish their validity and age relevance. This backdrop thus determines the values and norms that govern the overall functioning of the Shodhpeeth. MLSASP has also been entrusted to organize international student exchange programmes. Every year, it organizes International Summer School Programme for the foreign and NRI students to study the basic concepts of Jainology, Nonviolence and Preksha Meditation. Foreign visitors who come to the Institute for Yoga & Meditation are also guided by the Anekant ShodhPeeth in the conduct of practical sessions and arranging logistic arrangements on campus.

Objectives

- To stimulate depth-oriented and advanced research in Jain philosophy and literature
- To study the evolution of Jain thoughts in a historical perspective
- To present the Jain concepts in the context of modern science
- To highlight the role of Jain Vidya in working out solutions to contemporary problems

Nature of Work

- Preparing annotated bibliography of Jain texts and treatises
- Editing ancient manuscripts
- Preparing dictionaries and encyclopedias (kosh) in diverse disciplines of Jain Vidya
- Translating the Jain texts and literature available in Indian and foreign languages into Hindi and English
- Organizing seminars/workshops/conferences and lecture series
- Offering courses on understanding Jainism at national and international level
- Publishing important literature pertaining to Jain Vidya
- Offering International Language Orientation Programme

Project Information

- Dictionaries/Encyclopedia of various discipline
- Archives of Jain Heritage
- Comparative Religion and Philosophy
- Jain Agam Translation
- Bibliography of Jainism
- Training in Nonviolent Action for Enlightened Citizenship

Salient Features

- International Summer School on Understanding Jainism
- Acharya Tulsi Shrut Samvardhani Vyakhyanmala
- Acharya Mahaprajna Pragya Samvardhani Vyakhyanmala
- Courses of International Languages