

**RESEARCH PROMOTION POLICY  
INDIRA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, MEERPUR**

**PREAMBLE**

The Indira Gandhi University (IGU) is committed to transform lives and serve the society through pursuit of excellence in teaching, innovation, lifelong learning, cultural enrichment and outreach services. To accomplish its mission, University provides intellectually inspiring, academically challenging and supportive environment conducive to personal growth by engaging in innovative and leading-edge research within and across disciplines. This policy aims to promote quality research among the faculty members of the University.

**OBJECTIVES**

- To motivate the faculty members and research students for cutting-edge research and innovations
- To evince interest among faculty members for undertaking research projects from various funding agencies
- To encourage the faculty members for collaborative and interdisciplinary research projects
- To inspire the faculty members for sponsored consultancy projects
- To encourage the faculty members and research students for creating, protecting and leveraging Intellectual Property Rights
- To invigorate the faculty members and research students for publication of quality research work

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, the University institutes the following research awards and incentives.

**A) RESEARCH AWARDS**

The research awards shall be presented to the achievers annually based on the credits earned by regular faculty members of the University through various research activities.

- I. IGU Research Excellence Award
- II. IGU Best Researcher Award (Faculties of Life Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering & Technology)
- III. IGU Best Researcher Award (Faculties other than Life Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering & Technology)
- IV. IGU Best Researcher Department Award

**I. IGU Researcher Excellence Award**

The IGU Research Excellence Award shall be presented to a faculty member achieving the highest credits based on the criteria mentioned in the Table 1. The minimum total credit points shall be 100. There should be minimum 15 credits each from any three categories. The recipient(s) will be felicitated with a citation and memento.



Table 1: Criteria for IGU Researcher Excellence Award and IGU Best Researcher Award (Award II)

S. No.	Research Activities	Categories	Credit Points		Remarks
1.	Extramural Research Funding/Project (for each project)	1-5 (lakhs)	05		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Full credits will be given to PI (single PI) for each project.</li> <li>&gt; In case of collaborative research, PI will get 70 % credits and 30 % credits will be given to Co-PI.</li> <li>&gt; In case of more than one Co-PI, then 30 % credits will be equally shared among them.</li> </ul>
		>5-10	10		
		>10-20	15		
		>20-30	20		
		>30-50	30		
		>50-100	35		
		>100	40		
2.	Research Publications	Impact Factor (Thomson-Reuters)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Single author (full credits)</li> <li>&gt; In case of more than one author, 70% credits will be given to first/corresponding author and 30% to all other authors.</li> <li>&gt; Only research papers and review articles will be considered for credit points.</li> </ul>
		0.5-1	05		
		>1-3	15		
		>3-5	25		
		>5-7.5	35		
		>7.5-10	45		
		>10	50		
3.	Books Publications (Reputed publishers with ISBN number)		National	International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Single author (full credits)</li> <li>&gt; In case of more than one author, 70% credits will be given to first/corresponding author and 30% to all other authors.</li> <li>&gt; There will be capping of maximum 30 credits.</li> </ul>
		Text Book	10	20	
		Reference Book	15	30	
4.	Annual Citation Index as per Scopus/Google Scholar	Citations			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Those papers will be counted which have been published as IGU faculty.</li> </ul>
		25-50	02		
		>50-100	05		
		>100-200	10		
		>200-500	20		
		>500-1000	30		
		>1000	40		
5.	h-index of faculty member as per Scopus/Google Scholar	05-10	05		
		>10-15	10		
		>15-20	15		
		>20-25	20		
		>25-30	25		
		>30-35	30		
		>35-40	35		
>40	40				
6.	Research & Academic Awards and Fellowships	State Award	20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; From Government organizations and apex national/international academic bodies with minimum 10 years of existence</li> <li>&gt; Fellowship must be for the duration of at least 3months.</li> <li>&gt; Indian National Academy of Sciences, Indian Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Sciences Fellows will receive 40 credits.</li> </ul>
		National Award/ Fellow/Fellowship	30		
		International Award/ Fellow /Fellowship	40		

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7.	Patents granted in the name of IGU Meerpur	International	20	> Single inventor (full credits) > In case of more than one author, 70% credits will be given to first/corresponding inventor and 30% to all other inventors. > There will be capping of maximum 40 credits.
		National	15	

**II. IGU Best Researcher Award (Faculties of Life Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering & Technology)**

This award shall be given to a faculty member based on the criteria mentioned in Table 1. The faculty member with the highest credits shall be considered for this award (minimum credit points will be 75). There should be minimum 10 credits each from any three categories. The faculty member will be felicitated with a citation and memento. The faculty receiving the IGU research excellence award of that year will not be considered for this award.

**III. IGU Best Researcher Award (Faculties other than Life Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering & Technology)**

This award shall be given to a faculty member based on the criteria mentioned in Table 2. The faculty member with the highest credits shall be considered for this award (minimum credit points will be 75). There should be minimum 10 credits each from any three categories. The faculty member will be felicitated with a citation and memento. The faculty receiving the IGU research excellence award of that year will not be considered for this award.

Table 2: Criteria for Best Researcher Award (Award III only).

S. No.	Research Activities	Categories	Credit Points	Remarks
1.	Extramural Research Funding/Project (for each project)	1-5 (lakhs)	05	> Full credits will be given to PI (single PI) for each project. > In case of collaborative research, PI will get 70 % credits and 30 % credits will be given to Co-PI. > In case of more than one Co-PI, then 30 % credits will be equally shared among them.
		>5-10	10	
		>10-20	15	
		>20-30	20	
		>30-50	30	
		>50-100	35	
		>100	40	
2.	Research Publications	Impact Factor (Thomson-Reuters)		> Single author (full credits) > In case of more than one author, 70% credits will be given to first/corresponding author and 30% to all other authors. > Only research papers and review articles will be considered for credit points.
		0.5-1	05	
		>1-3	15	
		>3-5	25	
		>5-7.5	35	
		>7.5-10	45	
		>10	50	

3.	Books Publications (Reputed publishers with ISBN number)		National	International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Single author (full credits)</li> <li>➤ In case of more than one author, 70% credits will be given to first/corresponding author and 30% to all other authors.</li> <li>➤ There will be capping of maximum 30 credits.</li> </ul>
		Text Book	10	20	
4.	Annual Citation Index as per Scopus/Google Scholar	Citations			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Those papers will be counted which have been published as IGU faculty.</li> </ul>
		25-50		02	
		>50-100		05	
		>100-200		10	
		>200-500		20	
		>500-1000		30	
		>1000		40	
5.	h-index of faculty member as per Scopus/Google Scholar	05-10		05	
		>10-15		10	
		>15-20		15	
		>20-25		20	
		>25-30		25	
		>30-35		30	
		>35-40		35	
6.	Research & Academic Awards and Fellowships	State Award		20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ From Government organizations and apex national/international academic bodies with minimum 10 years of existence</li> <li>➤ Fellowship must be for the duration of at least 3 months.</li> <li>➤ Indian National Academy of Sciences, Indian Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Sciences Fellows will receive 40 credits.</li> </ul>
		National Award/ Fellow/Fellowship		30	
		International Award/ Fellow/Fellowship		40	
7.	Patents granted in the name of IGU Meerpur	International		20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Single inventor (full credits)</li> <li>➤ In case of more than one author, 70% credits will be given to first/corresponding inventor and 30% to all other inventors.</li> <li>➤ There will be capping of maximum 40 credits.</li> </ul>
		National		15	

#### IV. IGU Best Research Department Award

This award shall be given to the Department of University receiving the highest funding from external sources based on the utilization of the same in concerned financial year. The grant received and utilized from DST-FIST/UGC-SAP/DBT-IPLS/ICSSR etc for research, conference, symposia etc and research grants received by the faculty members of that department will be considered for this award.



## B) RESEARCH INCENTIVES

### 1. Research Publication Promotion Incentives

Incentives for the research publications will be as under.

S.No.	Thomson Reuters Impact Factor	Award	Cash Prize (In Rs.)	Remarks
1.	1-2	Citation	1,100	<p>➤ The cash prize will be given to the authors with IGU Meerpur affiliation only.</p> <p>➤ In case of more than one author, 70% share of the cash prize will be given to the first/corresponding author and 30% will be shared by all other authors.</p> <p>➤ Only research papers and review articles with Thomson Reuters Impact Factors will be considered for the cash prize.</p>
2.	> 2-5	Citation	2,100	
3.	> 5-7.5	Citation	3,100	
4.	> 7.5-10	Citation	4,100	
5.	> 10	Citation	5,100	

**Note:** Mementos and citations may be given to faculty members with the (i) highest Cumulative Impact Factor (CIF) (ii) highest h-index (iii) highest number of citations.

### 2. R & D/Consultancy Project Promotion Incentives

Incentives for the faculty members awarded with extra mural funding for research project (minimum 5 lakhs) are as under:

Extra mural R&D Projects (Amount in lakhs)*	Consultancy Projects (Amount in lakhs)*	Cash Prize (in Rs.)
5-10	1-2	5,100
> 10-20	> 2-5	11,000
> 20-50	> 5-10	21,000
> 50-75	> 10-20	31,000
> 75	> 20	51,000

\*DST-FIST/UGC-SAP/DBT-IPLS or any other institutional grant will not be entitled for such incentives.

The cash prize and a citation will be given to PI only. If project involves more than one faculty from our university the incentive will be shared among the participating faculty members in the ratio of 70:30 (PI: Co-PI).

### 3. Collaborative Research project with foreign University/ Institute

Any collaborative research project undertaken by the faculty with a foreign university/institute may be awarded with a citation and memento.

*\*The year in which the collaborative project commenced is the criteria for including this into the scheme.*

#### 4. Patents Promotion Incentives

Incentives for the patents granted in the name of IGU Meerpur will be as under.

S.No.	Category	Award	Cash Prize (In Rs.)	Remarks
1.	International	Citation	3,100	➤ The cash prize will be given to the inventors with IGU Meerpur affiliation only. ➤ In case of more than one inventor, 70% share of the cash prize will be given to the first/corresponding inventor and 30% will be shared by all other inventors.
2.	National	Citation	2,100	

#### C) BEST Ph.D. THESIS AWARDS

The research scholars of the University will be encouraged for pursuing quality research by offering the best Ph.D. thesis awards in each academic year based on the Cumulative Impact Factor (CIF) of the research publications. The rules for the University Gold/Bronze/Silver and Faculty Best Thesis Awards are as under:

S.No.	Category	Minimum Eligibility	Award	Cash Prize (In Rs.)	Selection Criteria
1.	University Gold Medal	CIF > 10	Gold Medal + Citation	51,000	Highest CIF
2.	University Silver Medal	CIF > 10	Silver Medal + Citation	31,000	Second Highest CIF
3.	University Bronze Medal	CIF > 10	Bronze Medal + Citation	21,000	Third Highest CIF
4.	Faculty Best Thesis	CIF > 5	Citation	11,000	Highest CIF in each Faculty

#### Instructions for the Applicants of Best Thesis Award:

1. The academic year corresponds to 1 July of particular year to 30 June of next year. For example, if a candidate wants to apply for the best Ph.D. thesis award for the academic year 2022-23, his/her thesis should have been defended between 01-07-2022 to 30-06-2023.
2. Only provide the details of research articles (not the review articles) included in the Ph.D. thesis (either published or accepted) till the defense of the thesis.
3. Enclose the first page of published research article not the entire publication as proof of publication.
4. Provide the proof of the journal's latest impact factor as per Thomson Reuters.
5. Only the application duly verified by the supervisor and forwarded by the Chairperson of the Department will be considered for the award of best Ph.D. thesis.
6. Any wrong information will be liable for disqualification of the candidate from best Ph.D. thesis award.



#### **D) GRANTS TO PROMOTE RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL**

- Initial seed grant for three years (1 lakh per year) for the newly recruited faculty members (up to five years from the date of their joining) for establishment of their research work may be given subject to the availability of funds. The proposal could be submitted throughout the year and will be reviewed by an expert committee duly constituted by Vice-Chancellor. Only ten projects will be awarded in a particular year with at most one project in each Department.
- Post seed grant for three years (1.5 lakhs per year) may be given to the teachers who were appointed before 6-15 years subject to the availability of funds. The proposal could be submitted throughout the year and will be reviewed through an expert committee through Research Promotion Board. The proposal will be awarded on their merits. Only five projects will be awarded in a particular year.
- Additional 10 duty leaves (for research purpose) may be sanctioned to the PI (having a major research project of more than 10 lakhs) for Project related work outside the University.

**Note:** IGU RadhaKrishna Fund may be utilized to encourage research and innovations in the University.

#### **• PERIOD OF EVALUATION**

All awards will be distributed each year on the foundation day (7 September) or in some other major function of the university but before 30 June of the next year. The academic year (from 1 July of particular year to 30 June of the next year) is the period for calculating the credits mentioned in the selection criteria of the awards. The applications will be received up to 7 August of each year. Only regular faculty members of the University will be eligible for the awards related to faculty members.

#### **• AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE**

A five members committee shall be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor under the Chairmanship of the Director, Research and Development Cell. Dean, Academic Affairs will be the member of the committee. Three members will be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. The decision of the committee shall be final and binding.

