

The minutes of the meeting of the committee to frame the guidelines, rules and regulations for the students and research-related activities, was held on 19.10.2023 at 10.30 AM in the EC Hall of the Kumaun University, Nainital.

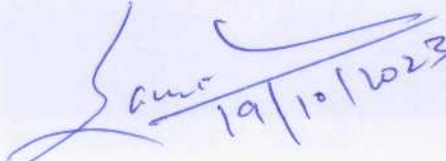
The following members were present.

1. Professor Santosh Kumar, Chairperson
2. Professor Indu Pathak
3. Professor Sanjay Pant
4. Professor Ashish Tewari
5. Professor Archana N. Sah
6. Dr. Mohan Lal
7. Dr. Mahesh Chandra Arya
8. Dr. Deepak Kumar Arya

The following guidelines, rules, and regulations are framed after thorough discussion and recommended for approval by the competent authority.

A. Visiting/Honorary/Adjunct Professor/Senior Professors/Scientists including retired academician/Civil Servants/Industry etc

1. The committee unanimously decided that there must be a provision of Visiting/Honorary/Adjunct Professor/Senior Professors/Scientists including retired academician/Civil Servants/Industry etc. This is particularly important in view of the various accreditation councils' requirements and it will bring vibrancy in the academic system of the Kumaun University.
2. When inviting guest speakers for science departments, it is recommended that they should be a fellow of at least two science academies. For Arts, Commerce, Management, Law and other faculties, the invited person should have a proven academic, professional or industrial profile and credentials, and the academician with civil and national awards should be considered.
3. Retired civil servants/Judges/Armed forced personnel can also be invited and this will help students for preparing competitive examinations.
4. The initial offer will be for one year, which can be extended for another year based on the contribution they made during their involvement with the University.
5. A maximum of two academicians per department can be invited per year. If only one is invited, their stay can be up to five days, however, Vice Chancellor decision will be final.
6. The honorarium for each lecture is Rs. 3000/- (online/offline) for 1.5 hours, with a max of Rs. 6000/- per day.
7. Guesthouse/hotel accommodation and TA/DA etc. shall be provided as per the rules.
8. The overseas scientists shall be provided 100 USD per lecture.
9. Experts/Personnel from industries shall be invited preferably under corporate social responsibilities (CSR) and will be provided only guesthouse accommodation.
10. The committee will evaluate all such cases, and the decision of the committee will be will submitted to the Vice Chancellor, whose decision shall be final.


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For innovation and incubation centre:

1. The university will establish an innovation and incubation centre and any individual having innovative ideas and skills can also be invited in the relevant subject fields.

B. Research grants to individual faculty


1. Eligibility criteria for the submission of research proposal:

- The teacher as Principal Investigator (PI) from the science departments should have published at least 05 papers in SCI/Scopus/Web of Science/Clarivate indexed journals during the last 05 years. The PI from Arts, Humanities, Social Science, Law, Commerce, and Management should have published 05 papers in the journals which are indexed in the Scopus or UGC care list, or 02 books or 04 book chapters in the international publishers with ISSN/ISBN numbers, during the last 05 years.
 - The PI who has completed successfully a sponsored project funded by state/national/international agencies, or has a patent granted (individual or institutional capacity), shall also be eligible for submission of the research proposal.
 - The format of the proposal shall be made available separately.
2. The limit of the grants/budgets will be decided after the evaluation of the proposal and the number of research proposals finally selected for the appropriate funding.

C. Talent Hunt Program:

In order to involve students in innovation culture, a program "Talent Hunt" may be launched with an aim to involve students in innovation and creativity. UG/PG students will be eligible under this category.

1. Two-page write-up on different innovations/creations (related to the following field/themes) shall be submitted by the UG/PG students to the Head of the Department.
 - a. Innovative research idea: Students will be encouraged to submit their two-page innovative research idea to the Head of the Department and a committee will shortlist 2 UG and 2 PG students' proposals and send them to the University for possible funding, or best proposals to be funded, which will be decided in due course of time. Such selected students will carry out the work under the guidance of faculty members of the Department. A maximum of Rs 10,000/- will be paid for the completion of this project. At the end, students will have to submit a write-up/report about the work.
 - b. Social media championship: Students can make a short video of 3-4 min duration covering best practices of their department, university, city, state, government policies or any other subject students feel comfortable with. The five best creative videos will be selected for the award. An award of Rs 3000, 2000, 1000 will be paid to the selected students.
 - c. Fine and visual arts
 - d. Music (instrumental and vocal)
 - e. Food science, agriculture, horticulture etc.


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f. Any other field/topic chosen

For the competitions organized on the above themes, five cash prizes (I, II, & III) of Rs 3000, 2000, and 1000 respectively with a certificate shall be given after the evaluation by a panel of experts.

2. Mementoes design selected based on competition among the students

Competition among the students on the design of mementoes on given themes at the occasion celebrating a particular day such as Science Day, Environment Day, Earth Day, International Women Day, Teacher's Day, National Pharmacist Day, Biodiversity Day, Yoga Day, Human Rights Day, or any other day proposed to be celebrated by the Kumaun University or its units, shall be organized.

The selected design will be purchased by the University, and these mementos shall be given to the Guests. A maximum of Rs 3000 will be paid to the students and students will be called to present the Mementos to the Guest. The rest of the participants will be paid the cost of the raw material used and all the students will be given certificates of participants.


D. Grants for attending the national and international conference/symposium/workshop

A faculty member active in research can be granted a registration fee (up to Rs. 5000/- maximum) and II AC train fare once in three years for the presentation of a paper as an invited speaker in the national event, provided he/she has published 03 papers in SCI/Scopus/UGC care listed journals during the preceding three years, with the distance of the place is less than 700 km and financial support will be given once in two years, however, it can be relaxed by the Vice Chancellor.

For Ph.D. students and post-doctoral fellows, the registration fee shall be limited to Rs. 3000/- maximum and sleeper class train fare and/or bus fare as per rule, provided has published at least one paper in the SCI/Scopus/UGC care listed journals during the tenure of research at the time of application, with the distance of the place is less than 500 km. Students may be invited for the presentation of paper or poster. Two students from each group and financial support will be given once in two years.

A sum of Rs. 50000/- maximum to the individual faculty/administrative officer active in research who has published 06 papers during the last three years in Scopus/SCI indexed journal, shall be granted once in three years for invited talk in the international conference. The sanctioned amount can be used for the purpose of registration fee/travel/stay charges. An advance amount can be granted to the candidate depending on the merit and need of the case. The adjustment of the advance must be submitted within one month from the end date of the event.

Vice Chancellor being an active researcher, shall be eligible for reimbursement of full expenditure for attending national and international conference.


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E. Fee waiver to UG/PG students

1. Full reimbursement of annual fees to the students belonging to BPL cardholders, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5000/- only can be granted in each academic session.

F. Provision for patent filing/granted: It was decided that the patent attorney may be empanelled and the University may pay for the filing of National patents.

G. Incentive to the distinct researchers (students and mentors) and patent filing/granted

1. The faculty members publishing the research papers in the journals with impact factor 3-5, above 5-10, and >10 (impact factor by Thompson and Reuters/Clarivate) shall be given Rs. 3000/-, 5000/- and 7500/- respectively (to be shared between first author and PI).

2. **Faculty member generating funds through consultancy/technology transfer by intellectual exchange of ideas:** Out of the revenue generated 50% shall be given to the faculty member to be used for the research purpose or can be distributed among the team members (60% to PI and 40% to the team members). An appreciation certificate will be given to the team members.

3. The faculty members for each granted patent shall be given Rs. 7500/- (originated from the host institution i.e., Kumaun University, Nainital). For filing the patent originated from Kumaun University, shall be granted the desired fund (the prize amount shall be shared as: 60% to PI and 40% to the team members).

4. Publication fee for journals with an impact factor of more than three and Q1 and Q2 journals (Springer Nature, Elsevier, RSC, Wiley or equivalent publishers) in the subject field can be reimbursed up to 50% or 25000/- whichever is less, per paper. Before submission to such paid journals, approval of the University must be obtained.

The budget provision for all such activities may be made as follows.

S. No	Activities	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Conference/Symposia/Seminar	40,00,000/-
2.	Visiting Professors	90,00,000/-
3.	IPR/Publication Charges	10,00,000/-
4.	Talent Hunt/Fee Waiver	30,00,000/-
5.	Seed Money for Research	1,30,00000/-

The meeting ended with the thanks to the chair.


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