



BHARATHI WOMEN'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
NO-1, PRAKASAM SALAI, BROADWAY, CHENNAI-600108.

POLICY FOR PROMOTION OF RESEARCH

I PREAMBLE :

Bharathi Women's College a Premier Institution rendering educational service to first generation learners of North Madras, located along the shores of Bay of Bengal for more than 50 years. Being an institution for girls, the college has markedly redefined the lives of women in its neighbourhood. Founded in 1964 as Government Arts College for Women, its quality and character were shaped by a host of dedicated Principals, Teachers as well as generations of brilliant students. Promotion of research and development has been emphasized in its Research Policy. The Institution has 6 recognized research centres. The excellence research activities of the college is reflected in the research projects funded by various government agencies such as DST, ICMR, NTRF, TANCHE and TNSCST and the publications in peer reviewed journals. Research and extension activity are integral to teaching in Higher Education Institutions. The provision of updation is possible only through a vibrant research aptitude. Research makes it possible to create knowledge, innovation and new insights and makes teaching more systematic and vibrant.

II AIM :

Bharathi Women's college has a significant place for research activities and encourages all staff members and students to be involved in the outcome based research activities.

III OBJECTIVES:

The main objectives of the Research Policy is

- To promote multi-disciplinary research and education in Arts language, Social science, basic science and applied areas of science.
- To enhance the research capabilities of Bharathi Women's College by engaging faculty members in research that integrate the education of first generation learners and under privileged.
- To provide a rich intellectual environment for collaborative research with industries and institutions among faculty and students.
- To encourage the Scholars to publish research manuscripts in high impact journals
- To undertake outcome based research

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SCOPE OF THE POLICY:

1. The policy shall apply to all Researchers of the college and researchers shall include all staff of the college Viz Professors ,Associate and Assistant Professors of the college
2. All students registered with the college for research abide with the policy
3. The college has established an office of Research Coordinator to enable smooth functioning of research oriented programmes in the College. The office shall deal with projects, facilitating research activity like conferences and Collaborations with other institutes.
4. Bharathi Women's college encourages its faculty to apply for research projects. It also encourages faculty members to pursue Post Doctoral Research by providing study lines as applicable as per UGC norms.
5. The qualified faculty are eligible to guide Ph.D research scholars in accordance with Ph.D regulations of Madras University.
6. All eligible assistant professors with prescribed years of experience are encouraged to pursue Ph.D degree and publish papers in revised journals.
7. There are 6 Research Departments in college (Tamil, English, Botany , Biochemistry, History, and Geography) with 13 post graduate departments .The other departments are motivated to upgrade themselves in the upcoming years.
8. The college encourages its faculty to establish (MOU'S) with other institutions.
9. Periodically the Research Coordinator collects the report and shares the same with IQAC and on websites pertaining to various research activities of the college during the academic years.
10. Research ethics has been an integral part of the research curriculum. Seminars and workshop on IPR, Patents, Research Methodology and Ethics in research is encouraged to be conducted.
11. A central Instrumentation facility is available in the Campus for research activities .
12. The research scholars are encouraged to apply for Scholarships sponsored by Department of Collegiate Education.
13. The Research Departments are encouraged to contribute to the research magazines in the campus.
14. As per the UGC guidelines the Research scholars are granted 240 days of Maternity Leave

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RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

- Each research Scholar has a Research Advisory committee (RAC) constituted by the University of Madras who will meet twice in a year to monitor and identify future research prospects of the research Scholar.
- The RAC monitors the progress of the registered Ph.D scholars.
- The RAC promotes collaborative interdisciplinary research projects with national institutes and leading universities.
- The RAC helps in establishing peer networks through conferences, seminars & mentoring programmes.
- The RAC helps PG students to carry out the part of their research work in different leading institutes.

CODE OF ETHICS :

- An ethical committee was established to monitor the code of conduct of the research activities in the College. The Coordinators of the committee are Dr.B.Kalpana and Dr.T.S.Subha.
- It is proposed to promote fairness in research activities and no research documents or information may be shared without the permission of the committee.
- Plagiarism check is another important requirement that college insists for all scholars. Plagiarism software URKUND available at University of Madras is used by the college to check research papers, proposals and projects.
- The bio-waste generated in the research laboratory is disposed according to the norms and guidelines of CPCSEA.
- All Safety protocols to be followed while handling hazardous materials in the laboratory.

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