



## NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVESRITY

### Research Policy

The Research Policy has been enunciated to guide the future of research in the University. A principal objective of NSOU's research project has been to maintain a strong focus on the flow of theoretical ideas and to connect it with the empirical works of subject oriented researches in social sciences, humanities, commerce & management, sciences and other disciplines offered by the University as areas of probe and investigation from time to time.

A research project is an opportunity to learn more about a particular subject. Through this process one can enhance and demonstrate a wide range of skills that are applicable to our real life. As a researcher, it is important to use a wide variety of sources and to evaluate the quality and validity of those sources. The purpose of research is to add knowledge. Thus, the study should seek to contextualize its findings within the larger body of research. Research project should add knowledge that is applicable outside the organization and society as whole. Above all, the results of the study should have implications for policy and project implementation.

Taking into considerations the importance, the University encourages its faculty members to carry out research projects in different subjects and provides financial assistance subject to availability of fund from government/ research institutions viz. MHRD,UGC-DEB, ICSSR, CSIR, DST,RCI, CIIL, IIAS, CSSS, CSGS etc. for their projects. The ambit of project work in the University has been expanded to include both theoretical and empirical research in various academic disciplines (core subjects). Interdisciplinary areas with blending approach of ODL methodology may also be accepted.

#### **Scheme of travel grant to teachers holding substantive post of the university for participation in conferences/ seminars/symposia, etc., within the country and abroad**

NSOU recognizes the importance of research activities by faculty for systemic growth and development. The participation by teachers in conference/seminars/symposia, etc held abroad and within the country is an important activity for such growth. These conferences provide a significant opportunity to the participants to acquaint themselves with the latest developments in their fields of professional interest and also to exchange experience and ideas with professionals and scholars working in those fields in various institutions in the country and abroad. The University aims to encourage the participation of teachers in such conference/seminars etc. The University provides financial assistance for this purpose in the form of a travel grant, subject to availability of fund received from government/ Govt. agencies and/or UGC-DEB for this purpose.

#### **Eligibility**

All teachers, holding substantive post will be eligible for travel grant under the scheme, who are invited to:

- Deliver a key note address;
- Present a paper;
- Chair a session;
- As discussant;
- To make a poster presentation;

## **Pattern of Assistance**

### **(A) Conference/Seminars etc. held in India**

- a. The travel grant for participation in conferences, seminars etc. held within the country will include the cost of travel to the place of conference, and back.
- b. Teachers, will be eligible to claim TA/DA as per their entitlement.
- c. However, if the organizers of the conference pay for board/lodge or pay travel cost, the amount so paid has to be refunded to the University.
- d. If the participant has to pay a registration fee/delegation fee, the University may consider reimbursement of such fees.

### **(B) International Conferences**

- a. Travel grant for the purpose of participation in international conferences will cover 50% air travel by Economy Class. 50% of travel cost may be provide by the concerned faculty.
- b. Wherever admissible excursion ticket facilities should be availed of.
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> Class rail/ 2<sup>nd</sup> AC rail fare or actual fare as per entitlement will also be admissible for travel from the Headquarters to the nearest airport from which international flight take off and back as per University rules.
- d. Participants will be sanctioned daily allowance/maintenance allowance for international conferences as per University norms revised from time to time.
- e. In addition to the rates of daily allowances and other expenses, the registration fee/ delegation fee may also be paid by the University.

## **Conditions:**

- i. Travel grant under this scheme will be admissible to a teacher holding substantive post, only once in a year for participation in a Conference within the Country and once in 3-year for a conference abroad.
- ii. Teachers who are sanctioned travel grant to participate in conferences will be sanctioned academic leave for the days of the conference and the time taken for travel.
- iii. If any assistance is received from the organizers or any other sources by the applicant, such grants will be adjusted against the total approved expenditure, and the balance grant will be refunded by the applicant, to the University.

## **Procedure:**

- i. Preparations for professional conferences, seminars etc. are generally made several months in advance. Invitations to present papers, chair a session, leading discussion, etc. are also received well in advance. It should therefore, be possible for the applicants who wish to avail of travel grant from the University to apply at least one/ two month and three/four months in advance of the date of National Conference and International Conference respectively.
- ii. Every application for a travel grant under this scheme should be made in the form of application and be accompanied by the following documents:
  - a. 2 copies of the full paper prepared for presentation at the Conference.
  - b. Name, place and dates of the conferences etc., at which the paper is proposed to be presented.
  - c. A copy of the letter from the Organizer of the conference accepting the paper for presentation as soon as it is received or a copy of the letter of invitation from

the organizers of the conference received by the teachers for participation in the conference etc.

- iii. Applications received will be considered by the competent authority (committee) appointed by the Vice-Chancellor which shall consider each request and make its recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor for his consideration.
- iv. The person who has been sanctioned travel grant under this scheme shall submit a report covering the major themes discussed, the benefits derived etc. from his/her participation in the conference on his/her return.
- v. In sanctioning grants, as a general rule, those who have not been provided any support in the past will get preference subject to their fulfilling the conditions prescribed.

#### **Grants for seminar/ Conferences etc.**

On the basis of proposal for organization of seminar/ conferences by a School of Studies, the university may provide financial assistance subject to availability of fund received from the Government/ Government agency/ UGC-DEB etc. under the head. The grants can be utilized to meet the following items of expenditure in connection with the said programme.

- (i) Boarding and lodging of outstation participation including resources persons.
- (ii) Travel allowances and incidental expenses for outstation participants including resource persons. In case of foreign participants, expenditure on internal travel only will be admissible.
- (iii) Secretarial/clerical supports including transport, postage, stationery etc.
- (iv) Honorarium for the resource persons.
- (v) In the case of international conference, the University may utilize the grant provided the holding of the conference has been cleared by the Govt. of India.
- (vi) The grant may be utilized for holding national/regional/state level conferences.

The registration fees may be adjusted with the grant so received for the purpose of holding Conferences/Seminars/Workshops etc.

#### **NSOU Ph.D. Regulation**

“The Netaji Subhas Open University Ph.D. Regulations 2023” has been framed in compliance with the University Grants Commission (UGC) (Minimum Standards and Procedures of Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2022 and its successive amendments and vide permission granted to Netaji Subhas Open University by UGC vide their Memo No.F.No.2-1/2017 (DEB-III/DEBIV) dated 19 May 2017.

The objective of the regulation is to give an opportunity to pursue research degree programme in discipline specific areas.