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VIDYASHILP UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

INTRODUCTION

One of the guiding principles of the University is to foster and promote “Interdisciplinary and Interconnected Approach to Research, Innovation and Problem Solving”. The University will collaborate with academia, business, industry and local society in multi-faceted approaches to solving problems and create domain expertise in the University to provide solutions to the needs of the local and larger society.

The Ph.D. Program of the University aims to promote and produce scholarship and research capability in chosen domains to build the collective domain expertise in the University. The scholars will engage and conduct original research, or address industry-based research needs, or provide solutions to crucial societal needs.

To encourage research scholars to engage in full-time research towards a Ph.D. Degree, the University has instituted the Vidyashilp University Research Fellowship.

VIDYASHILP UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (VURF)

1. VU has instituted a VURF of the amount as approved by the Board of Management. The total number of VU Research Fellowships available at any particular time shall be notified by the University.
2. Research Scholars who are admitted as Full-time Research Scholars and do not already hold a fellowship granted by any other body may apply for the VURF to the Chairperson, Research and Innovation Council (R&IC) through the Chairperson, Research Advisory Committee (RAC).
3. The Chairperson, R&IC shall constitute a committee to evaluate all applications for VURF. The committee shall submit the merit list of Research Scholars recommended for the award of the VURF to the Chairperson, R&IC, who shall decide and approve the final list of Research Scholars selected for the award.
4. The Research Scholars who are awarded the VURF shall be required to submit an affidavit and undertaking to abide by the terms and conditions under which the VURF is awarded.
5. The VURF shall be paid only after the successful completion of the mandatory 12 credits of coursework. The maximum duration for which VURF can be awarded is three (03) years or till the end of the month in which the Ph.D. Thesis is submitted, whichever is earlier.
6. Extension of the VURF shall be on the recommendation of the RAC and approval of the R&IC. However, such an extension of VURF shall not exceed six (06) months.

DETAILS OF VURF		
DETAILS	AMOUNT	NOTE
FELLOWSHIP (MONTHLY) (FOR YEAR 1 & 2)	₹ 32,000	Consolidated monthly fellowship. Subject to the conditions prescribed in the PhD Regulations
FELLOWSHIP (MONTHLY) (FOR YEAR 3)	₹ 36,000	
TOTAL CONTINGENCY GRANT	₹ 35,000	Specifically for Research Paper/ Conference Registration and stationery expenses related to preparation of the Ph.D. Thesis – As approved by Supervisor/RAC.

VURF RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. The award of the VURF shall be on approval of the R&IC.
2. Renewal of VURF is subject to satisfactory performance evaluated continuously, and compliance with all Regulations of the University. Further, the Research Scholar must maintain a minimum CGPA of 7.00 in the Ph.D. Coursework.
3. Research Scholar may retain, forfeit or restore the VURF on a monthly basis based on the approval of the Research Supervisor.
4. A Research Scholar who has been awarded the VURF shall not receive any other Fellowship / Scholarship from any other Institution/Organization/Trust etc. In case the Research Scholar desires to accept any other fellowship/scholarship shall necessarily inform the RAC in writing and the VURF shall be withdrawn forthwith. Failure to do so and receiving any other Scholarship shall result in the recovery of all Fellowship amount disbursed by University and cancellation of the Ph.D. Registration.
5. The provision of the Contingency Grant is primarily for supporting the Registration / Conference Fee required for the publication of research papers and other expenses pertaining to the preparation of the PhD Thesis (Hard Copies as required by the Regulations). The release of Contingency Grant shall be on the recommendation of the Research Supervisor and approval of the Dean (Research).
6. The Research Scholar shall be required to engage in academic work as assigned by the Research Supervisor. Such assignment shall be about 6-8 hours per week.
7. The Fellowship is assured for a maximum of 36 months only, subject to satisfactorily fulfilling the terms and conditions as specified. An extension of VURF for 06 months shall be on the approval of the R&IC.

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