

3.1.1 Policy for Promotion of Research

The research policy of Pandit Sundarlal Sharma (Open) University Chhattisgarh Bilaspur aims to create and support a research culture among its teachers and students and leverage it for enriching and enhancing the professional competence of faculty members. It also promotes the scientific temper and research attitudes of all learner groups. Moreover, it aims to ensure that the research and development activities of the university conform to all applicable rules and regulations and to the established standard norms relating to gamine and ethical conduct of research.

University Grants Commission (UGC) New Delhi vide letter No. 1-130/2015 (VIP/PS) dated 03.11.2016 granted permission to offer Ph.D. and M.Phil programme under regular mode. The University vide notification no. 3144/Academy/Ph.D./2017 dated 05.04.2017 started the enrollment of students into Ph.D. programme. The Ph.D. programme functions in five departments, namely Management, Education, Psychology, Hindi and Political Science. There are 26 scholars registered for Ph.D. programme in the University along with one Post Doctoral Fellow sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) in Department of Psychology. The Ph.D. programme offered in the University is governed as per Ordinance 02 of the University.

Promotion of Research

For the promotion of quality research, the University provides scholarships to full time Ph.D. scholars as per Research Scholarship Rule, 2018 (Approved in 70th EC Meet dated 29.03.2018 proposal no. 06). As per established rules, a scholarship amount of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) per month with compensatory benefit of Rs. 1500/- (Rupees One thousand five hundred only) is provided to the scholars.

University encourages and facilitates its faculty members to go for research work. Presently two faculties (of Sociology and Computer Science) are pursuing their Ph.D. work while a total of 7 research projects (1 Major and 6 Minor Projects) are beng undertaken in the University, including two projects which are sponsored by Indian Council of Social Sciences Research (ICSSR).

Departmental Research Committee and Research Degree Committee are planned at the departmental level of the University, which continuously monitor the progress of scholars. Apart from the above committees, there is a Research Committee at the University level to assess the quality and procedure related to research. The University also adheres to ethical standards through regular monitoring by research committee and ethical committee.

Promotion of Research Facilities

- The University is registered under Inflibnet- Shodhganga, a repository of thesis for promotion of transparency in research.

- In order to comply with the UGC regulation 2018 for Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions, the University has acquired the plagiarism software Urkund.
- For the analysis of quantitative data in research, the University has acquired licensed version of Statistical Software like SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Science Research) and AMOS (Analysis of Moments Structure).
- There are a total of 14,192 no. of books available in the central library of the University, which include 333 books on research. There are 62 offline journals and 01 online journal available in the library to facilitate Research

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