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**ON RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Under section 26(q) of the NEHU Act, 1973

1. **Definition :**
  - i. A 'research project' is defined hereunder as a 'scheme' or 'project' funded by a Government, semi-Government, autonomous body(ies), public sector undertaking(s), public/private limited company(ies), private trust(s)/foundation(s) and registered body(ies). Funding from foreign organisations and such entities as agreed to by the University may be obtained with due permission of the Government of India. Such project funding shall be for the following purposes:
    - a. academic investigations,
    - b. development of technology,
    - c. monitoring and evaluation work,
    - d. training & development activities,
    - e. other extension activities including action research, and
    - f. carrying out surveys and documentation.
  - ii. A 'University level' project is a project / scheme sanctioned to the University by an external agency.
  - iii. An 'individual / inter-departmental / inter-institutional level project' is a project/scheme sanctioned to an individual teacher or a group of investigators of the University by an external agency.
  - iv. A 'Department' means a department or centre of the University.
2. A teacher desirous of seeking financial support (referred to as Chief Investigator hereafter or such other designation given by the funding agency) from an external organisation will prepare the project proposal as per the requirements of the funding/sponsoring organisation concerned and also prepare a memorandum giving briefly the objectives of the project and also bringing about inter alia the way it is likely to support the general research area of the University.
3. The project will be forwarded by the Head of the Department to the Vice-Chancellor for his approval and the HOD shall report the matter to the Department.
4. i. When securing a major project, if the funding agency stipulates execution of a Memorandum of Understanding or such other instruments the University shall consider signing of such a MOU after due scrutiny by a Committee constituted for the purpose by the Vice-Chancellor which may consist of the following :
  - a. Dean(s) of School(s) concerned.
  - b. HOD(s) concerned.
  - c. Chief Investigator.
  - d. Finance Officer.
  - e. Registrar.

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- ii. In cases where a project is offered to the University, the same shall be referred to a standing committee of the Academic Council to scrutinise the terms and conditions and recommend to the Academic Council the acceptance and modalities of operation of such projects.
5. Matters relating to application, operation including administration and financial management, and of assets of the project/scheme shall be laid down in the Regulations.
6. In cases where the Chief Investigator is the Head of the Department/Centre, the function of the HOD shall be performed by the Dean for the purpose of this Ordinance and the Regulation under this.
7. In cases not covered under the above provisions of this Ordinance, the matter shall be referred to the Vice-Chancellor whose decision shall be final.