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NOTIFICATION

Research Awards for the Financial Years 2024–25 and 2025–26

Applications are invited from the University Departments and teachers working in the Departments of the University of Kerala for the following Research Awards for the financial years 2024–25 and 2025–26, subject to the eligibility conditions and guidelines specified below.

Important Note:

The earlier Notification bearing No. Ad.F1/Research Awards–2024-25/UOK dated 16.02.2026, inviting applications for Research Awards for the financial year 2024–25, shall stand superseded by the present Notification in view of revision of norms. Accordingly, all eligible applicants, including those who have already submitted applications pursuant to the earlier Notification, shall submit fresh applications in the revised prescribed format, in accordance with the eligibility criteria and conditions specified in this Notification.

I. BEST RESEARCH DEPARTMENT AWARD

The award shall be governed by the following conditions:

1. Research projects undertaken by the Department and funded by external agencies during the respective financial year (2024–25 or 2025–26) shall be considered, including individual research projects undertaken by faculty members of the Department.
2. Only teaching Departments of the University shall be eligible for this award.
3. One Department from each Faculty shall be selected for the award.
4. The selection of the awardee Department shall be based on the assessment and comparative evaluation of the following parameters:
    - Research Grants received from external funding agencies.
    - Awards and recognitions received.
    - Research publications and citations.
    - Number of Ph.D. degrees awarded under the supervision of faculty members.
    - Patents secured and consultancy projects undertaken.

II. BEST RESEARCH PROJECT AWARD

The award shall be governed by the following conditions:

1. The research projects shall have been funded by external agencies during the respective financial year (2024–25 or 2025–26).
2. Only teachers working in the Departments of the University shall be eligible to apply for this award.
3. One eligible applicant from each Faculty shall be selected for the award.
4. A Principal Investigator shall be eligible to apply for the award only if the project has been completed or formally closed during the respective financial year or the final Statement of Expenditure (SE) and Utilization Certificate (UC) have been approved by the Finance Officer and the Registrar.
5. The selection of the awardee shall be based on the following criteria:
    - Patents secured.
    - Publications in peer-reviewed journals having an Impact Factor.
    - Number of Ph.D. degrees awarded under the supervision of the Principal Investigator.
    - Achievement of the objectives of the research project.
    - Papers presented at National/International Conferences.
    - Infrastructure development provided to the Department, including books, equipment and laboratory facilities.

III. HIGHEST RESEARCH GRANT AWARD

The award shall be governed by the following conditions:

1. The research projects shall have been funded by external agencies during the respective financial year (2024–25 or 2025–26).
2. Only teachers working in the Departments of the University shall be eligible to apply for this award.
3. The award shall be given to the eligible applicant securing the highest research grant in each Faculty.
4. A Principal Investigator may apply for the award in respect of a particular research project only once during the entire period of the project.

IV. ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION

Additional Recognition Certificates shall be issued in recognition of the following achievements during the respective financial year (2024–25 or 2025–26), wherever applicable:

1. Faculty members who have secured research project funding from external agencies.
2. Faculty members who have undertaken consultancy projects.
3. Recipients of international scholarships, such as the Fulbright Scholarship.
4. Faculty members who have physically participated in and presented papers at International Conferences held outside India.
5. Recipients of International Fellowships.
6. Scientists included in the "World's Top 2% Scientists" list.

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7. Faculty members who have secured patents.(Financial year not applicable)

A separate application, along with supporting documents (such as the sanction order issued by the funding agency/University, patent certificates, proof of participation, Fellowship award letters, etc.), duly forwarded by the Head of the Department (HoD) concerned, shall be submitted for consideration under this category.

No prescribed application format is required for Additional Recognition.

V. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

1. The prescribed application forms can be downloaded from the official website of the University of Kerala.
2. The applications shall be forwarded by the Head of the Department (HoD) concerned.
3. Duly filled-in applications in the prescribed format, along with the necessary supporting documents, shall be submitted to the Office of the Registrar, University of Kerala, within one month from the date of issuance of this Notification.
4. Applications received after the prescribed last date or applications not forwarded by the Head of the Department concerned shall not be considered.

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