

GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI

Direction No. 2 of 2020

(issued under section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016)

"DIRECTION PRESCRIBING NORMS & PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF RESEARCH STUDIES UNDER MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT SCHEME (MRPS) TO ALL THE TEACHERS AND POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY (2020)".

Whereas, the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 has come into force with effect from 1st March'2017 i.e. Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2017 which is applicable to Gondwana University, Gadchiroli (hereinafter referred to as the Act);

AND

Whereas, as per the specified provision under section 60(a) of the above Act, the Board of Research is to work on long term policy and strategy for promotion of research culture in the university, colleges and recognized institutions;

AND

Whereas, as per the specified provision under section 60(b) of the above Act, the Board of Research is to advise and encourage the teachers and PG students to take up research in emerging areas at individual and group level;

AND

Whereas, the Board of Research in its meeting held on 23rd April'2019 resolved to launch MRPS, for all the Teachers and PG students vide item no. 5;

AND

Whereas, Norms and Procedure for the Award of Research studies Under Minor Research Project Scheme (MRPS) to all the Teachers and Post-Graduate Students of the University and Terms and Conditions for the aforementioned scheme is to be formulated;

AND

Whereas, the matter is required to be regulated by the statute;

AND

Whereas, no statute is provided for regulating the above said matter in the university;

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Whereas, preparing statute, passing it by the senate and assent to it by the Chancellor is a time consuming process;

AND

Whereas, the matter is required to be executed with immediate effect.

Now, therefore, I, Dr. Namdeo V. Kalyankar, Vice-Chancellor, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 12(8) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016, do hereby issue the following Direction:

- 1.0 This Direction shall be called, "DIRECTION PRESCRIBING NORMS & PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD OF RESEARCH STUDIES UNDER MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT SCHEME (MRPS) TO ALL THE TEACHERS AND POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY (2020)".
- 2.0 This Direction shall come into force with effect from the date of its issuance.
- 3.0 In this Direction, unless the context otherwise requires;
- (a) 'Act' means the Maharashtra Public Universities Act'2016 i.e. Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2017 (herein after referred to as the Act);
- (b) 'Academic Council' means the council constituted as per provision made under section 32(3) of the Act;
- (c) 'Board of Deans' means the board constituted as per provision made under section 36(2) of the Act;
- (d) "Chancellor" and "Vice-Chancellor" means, respectively, the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor of the University;

- (e) 'Collaboration' means collaborative academic activity of the university or college or institution with other universities, academic institutions including local, regional, national or international institutions, research institutions and organizations in the field of agriculture, industry, trade and commerce, sports, social, cultural, science, technology and any other field;
- (f) 'College' means a college affiliated to the university, situated in the university area or jurisdiction;
- (f) 'Dean of the faculty' means the Dean appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendations of the selection committee for the purpose as provided under section 15(2) of the Act;
- (g) 'Director' means a head of an institution including a center or a school of the university as designated by the management council or a head of a recognized institution;
- (h) 'Department' means a Department teaching a particular subject or a group of subjects in a college or an institution as prescribed in the Statutes;

4.0 Preamble

The Gondwana University, Gadchiroli in an attempt to promote research in various emerging areas like Humanities, Social Sciences, Languages, Literature, Pure Sciences, Pharmacy, Engineering & Technology and Professional Studies among others, has launched Minor Research Project Scheme (MRPS) from the session 2019-20 for all the Teachers and PG students of the University. The emphasis of the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli has been on supporting budding Researchers (Teachers & Students) in affiliated colleges and on the University campus.

5.0 Provision of financial outlay for MRPS:

a) The quantum of maximum financial assistance under this minor research project scheme (MRPS) in Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce, Management, Law, Social Work, Library and Information Science, Physical Education/Sports, Education and allied disciplines will be Rupees One Lakh only (Rs. 1,00,000/-).

b) The quantum of maximum financial assistance under this minor research project scheme (MRPS) in Sciences including Engineering and Technology, Medical, Pharmacy and allied disciplines will be Rupees 2.0 Lakhs only (Rs. 2,00,000/-).

6.0 Guidelines for Final Award of Research Studies under MRPS:

- 1) It shall consist of two phase/tier process before the final award.
- 2) The first phase shall consist of scrutiny by a sub-committee of 3 members. The sub-committee so constituted shall comprise of Dean of the concerned faculty (if absent, other Dean present shall act as de facto), a Subject expert and Director of Innovation, Incubation and Linkages.
- 3) The sub-committee shall be provided with assessment proforma featuring number of research oriented parameters against which evaluation is to be carried out. At the end of the assessment, the sub-committee shall rank all the received proposals in the given subject, relatively considering the broad motive of the submitted Minor Research Project Proposal.
- 4) Depending upon the number of proposals received and available outlay for funding these projects, invitations shall be extended to the applicant PI/PG Students for presentation as per the following criterion:
 - a) Approximately TOP RANKED 50 percent proposals or
 - b) As per the recommendations made by the sub-committee (for example,4 recommended out of 6 received and 2 not recommended) and
 - c) If only one proposal is received in the given subject, then it should be called for presentation but subject to the condition of recommendations by the sub-committee for the second phase viz next level of scrutiny leading to the final award.
- 5) During the course of second phase of presentations, rigorous exercise shall be undertaken by the final award committee as to appropriateness in respect of amount of substance in the topic, relevance to the local region, adapted research methodology, proposed budget by the individual presenters, so and such that final award in each of the subject across all the faculties can be ensured and thus justified.
- 6) The final award committee shall consist of Deans of the faculties, members of the Board of Research and Academic Council, experienced, expert members

from outside the University region having outstanding research related credentials and Director of Innovation, Incubation and Linkages.

7.0 General Terms and Conditions:

- The proposed research should be preferably related to the local region viz University jurisdiction or alternatively should have wide-ranging significance covering larger interest of the State and in turn, the Nation.
- 2) Research project shall be completed within the period of **one year** w. e. f. the date of issuance of the sanction letter. In any case, no extension will be given beyond the specified period.
- 3) Funding will be in the form of **Recurring Grant** (financial support) under below mentioned heads of expenditure:
 - a. *Hiring Services* This is meant for specialized technical work, such as sample analysis, for which the University/Institution either has no infrastructure or such services are available on payment basis.
 - b. Contingent Expenditure The admissible contingency grant may be utilized on spares for apparatus, photo-stat copies and microfilms, typing, stationary, postage, telephone calls, internet, fax, computation and printing needed for the project. Expenditure towards the audit fee may also be claimed under contingency head.
 - c. Special Needs Assistance may be provided for any other special requirement in connection with the project which is not covered under any other 'Head' of assistance under the scheme.
 - d. Chemicals and Consumables To meet expenditure on chemicals, glassware and other consumable items.
 - e. *Travel and Field Work* The amount allocated under the head travel/field work is to be utilized for data collection and collection of other information such as documents and visit to libraries within the general scope and sphere of the ongoing project. This should not be used for attending conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses etc. They may

also avail special casual leave/duty leave for field work/collection of data as per University rules in-force.

- f. Re-Appropriation The Principal Investigator may re-appropriate maximum 20 per cent of the recurring grant allocated under each head with the permission of competent authority of the University with proper justifications.
- g. Also note that financial assistance towards research personnel / assistants will not be part of this MRPS.

4) Travel and Field Work -

Attach Certificate from the Head of the affiliated college or University regarding amount allocated under the head travel/field work is utilized for the implementation of the project including participation in conference, seminar and workshop across the Nation. The travel grant should not be used for attending any training / refresher courses / STTP. The travel/field work should be undertaken only for data collection and related information from institutions/libraries within the defined scope of the project. The mode of travel is as per the entitlement of the inmate teacher concerned in the respective affiliated college/University as per the rules of the University in-force.

5) Provision of Duty Leave for MRPS –

The PI is entitled for Duty Leave for MRPS related all kinds of work as per the rules in-force. The Researchers are expected to perform MRPS work in vacation period as far as possible. The regular academic schedule should not be hampered. It should be availed only with the permission of sanctioning authority.

6) Fund Utilization –

Any unutilized amount should be duly refunded to the University before submission of final report. Audited financial report along with Utilization Certificate and Statement of Expenditure should be submitted within one month of the completion of duration of the project by the Principal and PI, failing which, the University, being the funding agency, reserves the right to

recover the total amount from the concerned institution/salary of the PI and that the liability of recovery shall rest with the Principal.

Failure to abide by the rules of the University shall make the PI and the Institution liable to refund the entire amount paid by the University in all such schemes and they may be debarred from participation in future University Initiatives. It would be the responsibility of the PI and the Institution head for total accountability of the project.

7) Financial Management of the Project -

- (a) For University PG Departments, the standard operating procedure (SOP) of financial management will be followed to channelize the financial transactions of the research project as per the University rules in-force;
- (b) For affiliated colleges, the amount will be released to the Bank account of the Principal to channelize the financial transactions of the research project strictly according to Accounting Code & rules of the University.

8) Project Outcomes –

The PI should acknowledge the project sanctioning authority in publication of research paper. Apart from these research publications, it is expected that proposed research should be patentable or alternatively a copyright / geographical invention / book or book chapter can be published/emanated from the proposed research project.

9) The Final Report -

Five copies of final report are to be submitted within one month from the completion of the project duration. Final Project Presentation will consist of power point presentation summarizing the findings of the research project. Project is not transferable in any case. If a PI fails to complete the project, he/she has to refund the entire amount released.

Final Project Presentation:

There will be only one presentation during the entire tenure of the project. The said presentation will be scheduled after completion of the tenure of the

project wherein PI has to present final outcomes in line with the specified objectives. Presentation will be through PPT and should describe conduct of the project alongwith final outcomes like conclusions, recommendations and future scope if any, published papers, patents, copyrights, geographical inventions, book/book chapters etc. The PI should acknowledge the project sanctioning authority in publication of research paper.

The only presentation will also include following aspects.

- (a) Name of the Researcher/s (Principal Investigator/s)
- (b) Date of the commencement of the Research Project.
- (c) Date of release of the first installment (Utilization certificate duly certified by independent C.A.)
- (d) Field/experimental/theoretical work carried out.

8.0 Procedure for Release of Grant:

The first installment of the grant shall comprise of 60% of the total Recurring grant approved by the University for the total duration of the project. The grant will be released to the Principal of the College.

On receipt of Annual Progress Report, statement of expenditure and utilization certificate of 1st installment of the recurring grant, the 30% of the total recurring grant will be released as second installment. Remaining 10% will be released on receipt of following completion documents as final reimbursement:

- 1. Copy of the final report of project along with soft copy.
- 2. A consolidated item wise detailed statement of expenditure incurred during the complete project period in the prescribed proforma duly signed and sealed by the Principal and the Principal Investigator/s.
- 3. A consolidated Audited Utilization Certificate for the amount actually utilized towards the project duly signed and sealed by Govt. Internal Auditor/Chartered Accountant, Principal as well as the Principal Investigator/s in the prescribed proforma.
- 4. The unutilized grant if any may be refunded immediately through demand draft drawn in favour of the Finance and Accounts Officer, Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.

5. For facilitating transfer of the sanctioned recurring grant, PIs should furnish

official bank account details of the college/institution operated by the Principal,

preferably on the letter head duly signed by the Principal and supported by

legible photocopy of the front page of bank account passbook.

It is mandatory to post the Executive summary of the report, Research

documents, monograph, academic papers, patents, copyright/G.I. published

under Minor Research Project on the website of the University/College.

The Principal Investigators/Institutions are expected to settle the accounts

immediately on completion of the project. In case of the balance grant, if any, is

not claimed within six months from the date of completion of the project, the

same will lapse and no representation will be entertained in this behalf.

9.0 Upon personal communication to all the PIs regarding final award, by way of

email or letter, the PIs shall have to submit acceptance letter, an undertaking to

the effect in the given proforma as appended with this Direction and bank

account details so that award letter can be issued and fund transfer can be

facilitated from the competent authority of the university. For making all other

compliances with regard to this MRPS, all the applicable proforma are also

appended at the end of this Direction.

10.0 For any other matter pertaining to MRPS and final award which is beyond the

purview of this Direction, it shall be referred to the Vice-chancellor and that the

decision in the regard by the Vice-chancellor shall be final and binding to all the

concerned.

(Dr. N. V. Kalyankar)

Vice-Chancellor

Place: Gadchiroli

Date: 16/01/2020

GONDWANA UNIVERSITY, GADCHIROLI Minor Research Project Scheme (MRPS)

Preamble

The Gondwana University, Gadchiroli strives to promote research in various emerging areas in Humanities, Social Sciences, Languages, Literature, Pure Sciences, Pharmacy, Engineering & Technology and Professional Studies among others. The emphasis of the Gondwana University has been on supporting budding Researchers (Teachers) in affiliated colleges and on the University campus.

1.0 Objectives (Introduction):

- **1.1** To promote research in higher education by supporting research programmes of University and Affiliate College teachers in various disciplines and to inculcate research attitude among the faculty members.
- 1.2 There are 'Research Centers' under the jurisdiction of the Gondwana University catering to the need of the Ph.D. programs. Although there are many funded Research Schemes at National Level, they may not be available to all. The purpose of funding through minor research project is to develop research culture within the affiliated colleges and provide a start-up grant to the newly joined faculty members.
- 1.3 One of the important objectives of this scheme is to motivate budding PG students and researchers from affiliated colleges and University Departments to apply for Major Research Schemes from various funding agencies based on their experience gained in running the minor research project.
- **1.4** To encourage in designing proposals that are application oriented.

2.0 Target Group (Eligibility)

The Gondwana University, Gadchiroli provides support to permanent/regular teachers in this University and Affiliated Colleges who are working as;

- a) Assistant Professor and Associate Professor Grade. This scheme does not support faculty members at Professor Grade.
- **b)** Assistant / Associate Professor who have availed similar scheme earlier OR who have received funding from any other extra mural agencies, will not be considered again for this scheme.
- c) Project work should not be extension/repetition of earlier work carried out by PI through some other scheme.
- **d)** Translation from one language to another and bio-graphical studies will not be considered under this scheme.
- e) The research project should not be part of M.Phil./Ph.D. work.
- f) Apart from permanent/regular teachers, PG students of affiliated colleges and University PGT Departments are also eligible to apply.

3.0 Research Proposal Synopsis:

- **3.1** Synopsis It will consist of Two Sections as given below.
- The First Section Statement of the Problem
- The Second Section Review of the Literature

3.1.1 Structure for Statement of the Problem -

- (a) Introduction: Describe and justify the problem of the proposed study and its importance in terms of knowledge enhancement, societal applications and gaps in our knowledge and how your proposed research would address them (with citations of articles, books, speeches, etc. from trustworthy sources). Short statistics can also be used if available.
- **(b)** Objectives of the Study Identify and justify the proposed aims and objectives of the study.

3.1.2 National and International Status:

Clearly state our present knowledge in the proposed study both at National and International level and how the proposed study will be a new addition to existing knowledge. This section should be based on strong literature survey as reflected by the references.

4.0 Mid-Term Evaluation of the project -

Pls shall have to submit progress report after completion of six months of project duration alongwith the research publication if any and abstract etc.

4.1 The evaluation committee:

It shall comprise as follows -

- o Dean / Professor of the subject (if available) as Chairperson
- One Subject Expert (External)
- One Subject Expert (Internal) nominated by the Vice-Chancellor OR
- Alternatively a internal committee to evaluate the progress of MRP as nominated by the Vice- Chancellor.

5.0 Impetus and guide for further research:

- It is expected that the Researcher should submit Major Research Project proposal to various funding agencies on the basis of the research done through Minor Research Project.
- The University may publish the findings of the research completed under this scheme at appropriate platforms/places. A no-objection certificate should be submitted by the researcher at the time of final report submission.

6.0 General:

- a) After finalization of the selection procedure of the Minor Research project/s, the names of the selected PIs will be posted on the website or alternatively mail will be sent to the selected candidates. The PIs should check their names and send their acceptance certificate and undertaking duly forwarded by the Principal of the Institution immediately to the concerned to enable the University to send the approval / sanction letters and release the funds.
- b) Project is not transferable in any case.

c) In case if the PI is transferred from his/her original place of work to another Institution (Under Section 2(f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956), No Objection Certificate should be furnished for the transfer of the project from both the Institutions stating that necessary facilities will be provided by the Institution in which the awardee is transferred for the smooth functioning of the project. If a Principal Investigator fails to complete the project, he/she has to refund the entire amount released.

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PROFORMA OF PROPOSAL UNDER MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT SCH
PART- A
1. Broad Subject:
2. Area of Specialization:
3. Duration:
4. Principal Investigator:
i. Name:
ii. Sex: Male/Female
iii. Date of Birth:
iv. Category:
iv. Qualification:
v. Designation:
vi. Address: Office:
vii. Address: Residence:
viii. Email ix. Phone/Mobile:
5. Name of the Institution where the project will be undertaken:
(a) Department:
(b) College:
(c) PGTD (in case of University):
(d) Whether the institute is located in rural/backward area/ Border area:
6. Whether the College is approved under Section 2 (f) and 12 B of the UGC
Act? Yes/No
7. Teaching and Research Experience of Principal Investigator/s:

(a) Teaching experience: UG _____Years PG____Years

(b) Research experience:				
(c) Public	(c) Publications:			
Researc	h Papers			
Pu	ıblished:			
Ad	ccepted:			
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Books				
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(Please	enclose the list of papers and books published a	nd/or accepted during last		
five years)				
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<u>PART – B</u>				
Proposed Research Work				
8. (i) Project Title:				
(ii) Introduction:				
a) Origin of the research problem				
b) Interdisciplinary relevance				
c) Review of Research and development in the subject				
d) International/National Status				
e) Significance of the study				
(iii) Objectives:				
(iv) Methodology:				
(v) Month wise Timeline/Plan of work and targets to be achieved:				
9. Financial Assistance required (Recurring grant only) -				
Sr. No.	Item	Estimated Expenditure		
01	Hiring Services			
02	Contingent Expenditure			
03	Special needs			

Grand Total

04

05

Chemicals and Consumables

Travel and Field Work

- 10. Whether the teacher has received support for research funding from the University or any other extramural agency? If yes, please indicate:
- i. Name of the funding agency:
- ii. Sanction letter No. and date:
- iii. Amount sanctioned and utilized
- iv. Title of the project
- v.In case the project was completed, whether the work of the project has been published? Provide details.
- vi. If the candidate was working for the doctoral degree, whether the thesis was submitted and accepted by the University for the award of the degree.
- (A summary of the report/thesis in about 1,000 words may please be attached with the application)
- vii. If the project has not been completed, please state the reasons inbrief.
- 11.(a) Details of the University project/scheme completed or ongoing.
 - (b) Institutional/departmental facilities available for the proposed work.
- 12. Any other information which the teacher may like to give in support of his/her proposal.

Acceptance Letter

lame of the PI/s:
lame of the College/University PGTD:
Title of the Project:
/ We do hereby solemnly undertake that;
. The awarded research project is not being supported by any other fundin
The terms and conditions related to the project and grant as mentioned in the concerned university Direction for MRPS are acceptable to the Principal
nvestigator/s and the University/College/Institution. 3. At present, I have no research project approved/awarded by the UGC or any othe similar funding agency.
The date of implementation of the project is:
Principal Investigator/s Principal
(Seal)
Date:
Place:

To certify that:

- a. The College is affiliated to the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli and is entitled to receive applicable privileges of affiliate system in-force.
- b. Required research facilities and general physical facilities, such as furniture/space etc., are available in the Department/College.
- c. The PI/s shall abide by the rules governing the scheme in case assistance is provided to me from the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.
- d. The PI/s will complete the project within the stipulated period. If he/she fails to do so and if the University is not satisfied with the progress of the research project, the University may terminate the project immediately and ask for refund of the entire amount released by the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.
- e. The awarded minor research project is not funded by any other agency.

Principal Investigator/s

Principal

(Seal)

Expenditure Certificate

		e Principal Investigator/s			
3. Nar	me of th	it of the PI/s e College/University PGT Depart	artment:		
4. Aw	ard Lett	er No. and Date			
5. Title	e of the	Research Project			
6. Effe	ective da	ate of starting the project of Expenditure: From			
7. (a)	Period	of Expenditure: From	to		
7. (b)	Details	of Expenditure:			
	Sr. No.	Particulars of Item	Amount Approved (Rs.)		
	i.	Hiring Services			
	ii.	Contingent Expenditure			
	iii.	Special needs			
	iv.	Chemicals & Consumables			
	V.	Travel and Field Work (Give			
		details in the proforma)			
	vi.	Re-Appropriation			
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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON FIELD WORK

Name of the Principal Investigator/s:

Name of the Place visited	Duration of the Visit		Mode of Journey	Expenditure Incurred (Rs.)
	From	То		

Certified that the above stated expenditure is in accordance with the prescribed norms, terms and conditions as specified in the concerned Direction for Minor Research Project Scheme (MRPS) of the Gondwana University, Gadchiroli.

SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/S

PRINCIPAL

(Seal)

Utilization Certificate

Certified that the recurring grant o	f Rs	
(Rupees		
only) received from t	he Gondwana Ur	niversity, Gadchiroli under
the scheme of support for Minor F	Research Project	entitled, "
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utilized for the purpose for which i	t was sanctioned	and in accordance with
the terms and conditions laid dow	n by the concern	ed University Direction for MRPS
SIGNATURE OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/S	PRINCIPAL	STATUTORY AUDITOR
	(Seal)	(Seal)

Proforma for Submission of Information at the time of Sending the Final Report of the Work Done on the Minor Research Project

1. TITLE OF THE PROJECT
2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/S
3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE INSTITUTION
4. AWARD LETTER NO
5. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION
6. TENURE OF THE PROJECT
7. TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATED
8. TOTAL GRANT RECEIVED
9. FINAL EXPENDITURE
10. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT
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11. WHETHER OBJECTIVES WERE ACHIEVED
(GIVE DETAILS)
12. ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE PROJECT
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13. SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS
(IN 500 WORDS)
14. CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY
(GIVE DETAILS)

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(PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR/S)	(PRINCIPAL)
(ATTACH DETAILS)	
16. NO. OF PUBLICATIONS/PATENT/COPYRIGHT/GI/E	BOOK/BOOK CHAPTER
15. WHETHER ANY PH.D. ENROLLED/PRODUCED OL	