

Research Promotion Policy



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Preamble

The Jain VishvaBharati Institute (JVBI) shall facilitate the faculty in undertaking research and development in the areas of their expertise and also for the promotion of inter-disciplinary research. Path-breaking research that is in conjunction with the goals & objects of JVBI or in allied areas of studies that shall promote and help in dissemination of new realms of knowledge or in furthering the promotion of oriental knowledge, value-based education & practice, yoga & preksha meditation, etc. shall be given preference. The JVBI stands for the development of the society and community; and to achieve this purpose it shall also promote applied & action research that shall help solve contemporary social issues & problems and develop new models of development. Assistance shall be provided by the Institute administration for the furtherance of this goal in a proactive manner.

Introduction

A willed effort of creating a vibrant research culture is the prior Policy of Jain VishvaBharati Institute (JVBI). Sanctity of an Educational Institution depends upon its Research Policy and innovation outcome. Jain VishvaBharati Institute (Deemed University) allocates funds for providing financial support to its young research fellows, faculties, Emeritus Professors or renowned scholars. The Research Promotion Policy of the JVBI aims to help and motivate the research scholar and other stakeholders to achieve the excellence in Research, Innovation, Contributing to Institutional and Societal uplift. It is endeavour to facilitate Research Scholars to undertake research project and carryout innovative studies in Social Sciences with an aim of establishing the theoretical truth of Jain doctrines and developing them further to present before the humanity at large the practical applications of these concepts and benefits of various spiritual practices.

Research and extension activities are integral to teaching and robust academic growth. Education is a dynamic process and has to be constantly updated. This constant updating of knowledge is possible only when the faculty has the right research aptitude and has sharpened their research methodology skills. Through a robust research environment in the Institute faculty members in the long-run can add to existing knowledge, adopt innovation in research methodology and teaching and can develop new insights for the development of evidence-based practice & extension. This will help create a vibrant and scientific work environment in the Institute. JVBI has already put in place a robust system for extending small grants to the faculty and outside practitioners and academics.

The JVBI envisions to create a research culture for achieving national & international distinction through excellence in research in the most neglected field of Oriental Studies and trying to explore possible contribution of canonical literature and oriental disciplines in the search for contemporary issues & problems. The intent is thus to facilitate innovation by exploring novel research paradigms and promoting research so as to address global, national and societal challenges.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN JVBI

The JVBI awards more than 30 doctorate degrees every year and has also incorporated courses in research at the post graduate level in various departments. The Institute not only provides research grants to its own faculty but has also partnered with individual practitioners and academics by sponsoring minor & major research from its own funds so that research is undertaken in new areas of Jainology, Prakrit & Sanskrit, Science of Living, Yoga, Preksha Meditation, Non-violence & Peace, Social Work, Education, Distance Education, etc.

OBJECTIVES

This policy contains broad framework to guide research innovations, productivity and advancements at the Institute. The objective of the policy are as under:

1. To encourage the faculty to actively indulge in research and development activities that will help create new knowledge and help in the convergence of research with teaching, training and extension.
2. To enrich the capability and research skills of JVBI Faculty by undertaking training and workshops for undertaking scientific research and theory development.
3. To provide opportunities to the faculty to undertake research in apply their knowledge and skill in real work situations.
4. To facilitate the faculty network with external subject experts in developing collaborative multi-site research projects and using this platform for joint publications in UGC-CARE & Scopus listed journals.
5. Enhancing visibility of Institute in area of research.
6. Introducing the culture of research among faculty members.
7. Providing financial support to teachers of Institute for conducting individual researches.
8. To contribute in resolving the burning global problems such as violence, threatening peace and harmony in life at all levels—inter-personal, inter-communal and inter-national.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR RESEARCH GRANT FUNDING (GRANTEE)

The JVBI has an open policy for encouraging research conducted by its own faculty and also external applicants who are practitioners, policy-makers, professionals, educators or researchers working in other institutions or have retired from any formal institution. The details of such applicants are as indicated hereunder:

(A) JVBI Faculty/Staff/Research Scholars: An employee of the JVBI is eligible for all categories of Grant Funding as provided under the section – type of research grants. A registered research scholar may also be eligible for a Micro Research Grant depending upon the promise and ingenuity that the proposed research holds.

(A) External Applicants: Any external individual or a group of individuals, including a department of any other academic/research institute can apply for research funding subject to the terms and conditions framed and notified separately by the JVBI from time to time. (i) Individual Applicants can apply for all categories of research funding as provided hereunder. (ii) A Group of Individuals together can apply only for minor or major research grants. (iii) A department / institute can apply for Major Research Grants only.

All research funding to external scholars / grantees – individual, group or departmental/ institutional - has to mandatorily have an internal regular faculty member as one of the co-applicants in the research proposal submitted having the status of Principal Investigator or Corresponding Author/Collaborator.

The External Applicant or Principal Investigator (PI) has to spare at least 10-20 days in a quarter to make academic contributions to the JVBI fraternity through online (video conference) or residential mode as the case may be. This contribution shall be in terms of acting as resource person in various academic events of the Institute; sharing of research ideas and progress of research work done; conducting training programme for research scholars or young faculty as the case may be. **No corresponding grant installment shall be released in case the grantee has not made any substantial contribution of this nature.** The IQAC shall determine & decide the nature of contribution to be made by the external research grantee.

TYPE OF RESEARCH GRANTS

The JVBI has identified three broad categories of research grant funding – Micro, Minor & Major Research Grants.

(A) Micro Research Grant: This grant has an upper limit of Rs.5,000 to Rs.50,000 funding assistance which is basically to develop & execute short research proposals that shall lead to the development of a research article worthy of publication in a UGC-CARE or Scopus or Web of Science listed journal. The detailed criteria for the amount of grant assistance and rules applicable shall be developed & notified separately.

(B) Minor Research Grant: This grant has an upper limit of Rs.50,000 funding assistance which is for development & execution of a research project, book publication (**non-edited**), research articles for publication in UGC-CARE or Scopus or Web of Science listed journals of repute.

(C) Major Research Grant: This grant has an upper limit of Rs.2,00,000 funding assistance which is for development & execution of a research project that has an extensive survey component or travel component to research sites or libraries within the country. There shall be a cap of Rs.1,00,000/- for research which is purely based on secondary sources of data.

External applicants will have to compulsorily collaborate with a faculty member of JVBI in the form of Principal Investigator or Corresponding Author in all forms of research grant assistance sought from JVBI. The first rights to outputs of research to copyright to all publications in the form of reports or books shall be that of the JVBI.

INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM AND STRATEGY FOR PROMOTION OF RESEARCH:

In order to promote research activities, the JVBI has established a **Research Project Cell (RPC)** that shall function under the IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) so that there is synergy between the two Units which have the role of improving quality in education, research and extension activities in the Institute.

The **Research Project Cell (RPC)** shall call for applications for research proposals; process applications for deficiencies; send research proposals to external experts for appraisal; prepare the examiners reports for submission & sanction of the Board of Management (BoM); notify sanctioned proposals by the Registrar; process the signing of agreement for undertaking research as per protocol – administrative, financial, environmental & ethical norms; monitor the progress of the research; check for the timely submission of reports; release of installments on achievement of phase-wise milestones; monitor final submission of research report; review of the research report by subject experts; ensure return of all equipment purchased for the research like computer, printer, testing/lab equipment, etc. in proper shape; ensure publication of research findings as articles in UGC-CARE Listed Journals or Scopus listed journals after which only final installment shall be released; release final installment after ensuring satisfactory completion of the research project & deposit of capital goods & equipment in the central store of JVBI; return of whole grant released amount, along with interest, on delay in submission of interim/quarterly and final research report.

CONDUCT OF RESEARCH CONFERENCE/TRAINING/WORKSHOPS

In order to facilitate the other research and development activities like conferences, collaborations and establishing networking with other research institutes in the country and abroad, the Institute has delegated this responsibility to the IQAC. The IQAC & RPC shall in collaboration conduct in-house workshops & training programmes for the faculty and research scholars of the Institute to upgrade their research skills and create awareness of new developments in specific areas of research & use of technology for enhancement of analytical skills.

RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES

In order to smoothen and quicken the process of administrative issues related to research, JVBI has in existence the Research Section headed by the Director, Research. The Office of the Director Research has been entrusted with the entire process of advertisement for admission to the Ph.D. programme; receipt of applications; conduct of entrance examinations for Ph.D.; admission & enrolment of admitted scholars; conduct of course work as per UGC norms; maintenance of record of personal data of each scholar; maintenance of reports submitted by scholars; examination of thesis & record of thesis submitted; conduct of viva-voce for award of Ph.D. etc.

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR RESEARCH LABORATORY:

Optimal decentralization of procurement procedures related to research is in place to support researchers in the Institute.

SELECTION OF COMPETENT FACULTY

JVBI encourages its faculty to apply for research projects from international, national funding agencies apart from local bodies, industries and other funding sources for research projects. In accordance with the UGC norms, high standards of research output are one of the main criteria for the recruitment and promotion of faculty. Teachers without PhD are encouraged to pursue and complete their Ph.D. by providing study leave with salary benefits. The faculty members are also encouraged to pursue Post-Doctoral research, national & international collaborative research, apply for fellowships and sanction study leave to spend their time in research activities in the Institute itself or in other universities or research institutes in India or abroad.

The eligible Faculty are encouraged to guide Ph.D. research scholars in accordance with Ph.D. Regulation formulated separately and updated from time to time. According to Ph.D. Regulations of the University, Professors and Associate professors are automatically recognized as PhD guides, whereas the eligible Assistant Professors with prescribed years of experience, PhD degree and required publication are also recognized to supervise PhD scholars.

The JVBI encourages faculty to establish network with other universities/institutes within India as well as abroad and enter into MoUs. The JVBI presently has various MoUs for the benefit of faculty and students for research activities.

Periodically every year the research output of faculty is collected and published in 'Annual Report' which is tabled before the BoM apart from publishing it in the Institute's website for disseminating the information to all stakeholders.

ETHICS IN RESEARCH:

JVBI plays utmost importance in encouraging its faculty for following ethical guidelines established by appropriate bodies in carrying out the research activities. The JVBI has established **Internal Ethics Committee** for research involving human subjects and animal subjects and research proposals have to undergo these committees before carrying out the research.

ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Plagiarism check is another important focus that the university insists for. All the PhD theses before submission are checked for plagiarism and a certificate claiming no plagiarized content in the report has to be submitted along with the signatures of both research scholar and the concerned research guide. **Plagiarism software** has been provided to the entire faculty for checking their research articles, research proposals and research project reports besides using plagiarism check to regulate the student assignments. The Institute encourages all the

departments to conduct workshops in research methodology where **ethics in research** is an integral part of the workshops. Awareness is also created to faculty members by invited talks in ethics in research. Ethics in research is also taught for PhD research scholars as part of their course work, where ethics is an essential part of the course work.

CRITERIA FOR PROCESSING RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR FUNDING:

The IQAC & Research Project Cell shall in collaboration develop & update the criteria for evaluation of research proposals submitted by the faculty and external academics & practitioners.

To begin with the following broad criteria for appraisal of research proposals shall be executed:

- (i) Whether the topic of research meets & furthers the aims and objects of the JVBI as spelled out in the MoA
- (ii) Whether the research proposal is as per the research design suggested in Appendix-I
- (iii) Certificate that the proposal is original and does not have plagiarized content or ideas.
- (iv) Methodologically sound, innovative and leading to theory building.
- (v) Submission of a certificate of co-authored publishing of articles (UGC-CARE or Scopus or Web of Sciences listed journals) and books in case of external grantees only.

EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH THE RESEARCH PROJECT

The detailed costing of the project would include following components:

1. Honorarium to Research Assistant
2. Honorarium to Field Investigators
3. Cost of Capital Goods / Equipment / Furniture / Chemicals
4. Cost of raw material and consumables
5. Payment to outside experts for extending academic support
6. T.A. and D.A.
7. Contingencies and/or overheads.

Establishment of “Research Assistance Fund (RAF)”

A particular percentage of all Donations by JVBI and Tuition Fee received against Ph.D. enrolment in JVBI shall be automatically deposited in the **“Research Assistance Fund (RAF)”** created for the purpose of funding & sanctioning research grants to the faculty and other eligible applicants.

The guiding principles for the utilization of these funds would be as follows:-

- (a) ‘Finance Officer’ after the due vetting of the research proposal by the IQAC & Research Project Cell.
- (b) The amount shall be utilized to promote research & publication work, to institute incentive awards for outstanding research.

EXPENDITURE SANCTIONING AUTHORITY

The Principal Invigilator shall have financial power to vet all expenditure to be made in the research project with the countersignature of the Director, Research Project Cell.

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITION

The terms and condition as laid down in Appendix – II will be binding on every consultancy assignment unless and otherwise agreed upon before the start of the work and approved by CAAC. The agreement shall be made with the client in such cases, in a legally vetted format.

OTHER APPLICABLE CONDITIONS

- (i) All purchases, however, shall be made following the normal Institute Purchase Rules. The procured items using the funds shall be properly accounted for and shall remain the property of the Institute unless agreed upon otherwise, in writing, by both parties before the commencement of the project.
- (ii) The 'TA/DA' rates must be settled with PI and be spelled in the initial proposal. However, the upper limit of all payment will be made as per Institute rules. In case of any dispute and under no circumstances shall the Institute bear the cost of TA/DA over and above the sanctioned research project.
- (iii) All original bills and vouchers against expenditure made have to be done in the name of the JVBI and have to be verified by the PI.
- (iv) In case the research work results in a patent, CSIR-IPR Rules will apply. The Institute shall be a one of the co-assignee of the patent.

Due acknowledgment has to be given to JVBI in all the reports, article & book publications that are directly or indirectly an output of the sanctioned research project.

INITIATIVES AND PROVISIONS

- To promote the research activities JVBI has established two separate Research Centers/Cells with separate objects:
 - (i) BHAGAWAN MAHAVIRA INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE (BMIRC): It is an endeavour to facilitate scholars to undertake research projects and carry out innovative studies in social sciences with an aim of establishing the theoretical truths of the Jain doctrines and developing them further to present before the humanity at large the practical applications of these concepts and benefits of various spiritual practices.
 - (ii) MAHADEOLAL SARAOGI ANEKANT SHODHPEETH: MLSASP has also been entrusted to organizing seminars/workshops/conferences and lecture series, preparing dictionaries and encyclopedias (kosh) in diverse disciplines of Jain Vidya, Translating the Jain texts and literature available in Indian and foreign languages into Hindi and English, Offering courses on understanding Jainism at national and international level, organizing international student exchange programmes and Publishing important literature pertaining to Jain Vidya etc.
- MONOGRAPH WRITING: Jainism has very deep insights and unique ideas related to spirituality, non-violence, morality, tolerance, forgiveness, co-existence, non-absolutism and vegetarianism. Today current generation is very curious to know Jain concepts but due to Sanskrit and difficult Hindi language they are not able to taste Jain literature. BMIRC thought to take initiative to write monographs on each Jain Concept so every person can be benefitted with the beauty of Jain tenets.
- STARTUP RESEARCH GRANTS: To involve the faculties in research the Institute has been providing startup research grants from its internal resources to undertake research and publications work.
- STIPEND TO RESEARCH SCHOLARS: To promote researches in the field of Jainism and oriental studies, JVBI provides scholarship to needy PG, Ph.D. & D.Lit. Research scholars.
- FACULTY DEVELOPMENT: JVBI provides financial support to the faculty members to upgrade the knowledge and research skills through their participation in refresher courses, orientation programmes, induction programmes and faculty development programmes.
- PUBLICATION: JVBI publish the selected best research works of the faculty members from its internal resources.
- RECOGNITION & AWARD: Research award will be instituted and awarded annually to the best researcher from its internal faculty members.

RESEARCH ALLOCATION GUIDELINES

Guidelines for Research Projects Funded by the Institute

Introduction:

The Institute allocates funds for providing financial support to teachers for conducting individual and excellent research in specialized areas.

Objectives:

1. Providing financial support to teachers of Institute for conducting individual researches.
2. Introducing the culture of research among faculty members.
3. Enhancing visibility of Institute in area of research.

Eligibility/ Target Group:

1. A working teacher or Emeritus Professor or a renowned scholar or a young research fellow is eligible to avail this facility.
2. Renowned scholar (not working with Institute) should submit his/her research proposal through any recognized/registered institution.
3. At a given time a working teacher can take only one research project.
4. Every teacher will submit the report of sanctioned research project.
5. After completion of previously under taken project, another project can be taken.

Nature of Assistance:

The quantum of assistance for research project will be upto 10 lakhs only, having following ceiling of funds according to type of project:

Pilot Project	:	50,000/-
Minor Project	:	2,00,000/-
Major Project	:	10,00,000/-

The financial assistance in case of sanctioned research project submitted by renowned scholar (not working with Institute) will be released to institution through which project was sanctioned.

Release of Funds

Funds will be released in three installments:

- I. 40 percent at the time of sanction.
- II. 40 percent after development of tools and readiness for field work.
- III. 20 percent on the submission of draft report.

Procedure for Sanction:

1. Every Year Institute will invite research proposals up to fixed date and the institute will also publish a list of desired research topics.
2. The submitted research proposals will be scrutinized by a committee constituted by Vice-Chancellor for deciding about worthiness of proposal to be sent to expert.
3. Such proposals cleared by committee will be sent to experts for his/her/their comments and clear-cut recommendation.
4. The suggested revisions or comments of expert will be incorporated in the project and re-submitted.
5. Finally, the committee will recommend the proposal for sanction to Vice-Chancellor after seeing that expert's Comments / suggestions have been incorporated or not.

Submission of Progress Report

Researcher is supposed to submit progress report as per following nature of project.

Pilot	Every Three Months
Minor	Every Three Months
Major	Every Six Months

In case of major research project, conducting of seminar is essential for discussing findings of project in which at least one representative of the Vice-chancellor should be invited.

Time Limit:

Research Project may have the time limit as per following nature of project.

Pilot	Six Months
Minor	One Year
Major	Two Years

Budget Allocation:

The budget allocation should be done under following heads.

Non-Recurring Assistance

- a. Equipment (Minor only)
- b. Books and Journals

After the completion of the project the equipment and books and journals acquired by researchers must be deposited in central store (Equipment) and Library (Books and Journals)

Recurring Assistance

- a. **Personnel** including remuneration to Principal Investigator if any.
Personnel required for reviewing literature, developing tools, conducting field work is to be utilized for analysis of data and report writing.
- b. **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, but not for attending seminars, conferences, workshops, training courses etc.
There should be provision of special leave to teachers for conducting supervision of field work.
- c. **Stationary and Printing**– Finance needed for preparation of tools for conducting proposed research work and stationary needed should be mentioned.
- d. **Hiring Services**– This is meant for stabilized technical work such as sample analysis.
- e. **Contingency**–The contingency grant may be utilized on spares of apparatus, photo-state copies, microfilms, typing, postage, telephone calls, audit fee etc. This is limited to ten percent of the total expenditure proposed (maximum 10% of the sanctioned amount).
- f. **Misc.** – Any type of expenditure not envisaged in above heads (maximum 10% of the sanctioned amount).
- g. **Re-Appropriation** – The Project Incharge / Principal Investigating may re-appropriate maximum 20 percent of the recurring grant allocated under each head with the permission of Vice-Chancellor.

General Rules

- a. Research Project is not transferable in any case.

- b. If Project Incharge / Principal Investigator fails to complete the project, he/she has to refund the entire amount released.

Guidelines for Monograph Writing

In order to promote Jain studies and researches, the idea of establishing BhagawanMahavira International Research center (BMIRC) in the department of Jainology and Comparative Religion and Philosophy, JVBI Ladnun, was first given by Acharya Mahaprajna in 2009 with an aim to create scholars with specialization in Jain studies. BMIRC was launched in the benign presence of Acharya Mahashraman in Delhi, 2014 at the occasion of Birth century of Acharya Tulsi.

The purpose of BMIRC is to chalk out a plan for initiating organised research on scientific lines in various spheres of Jainology, reinterpret them in current colloquial language, bring out their benefits in a quantitative way, apply them in daily life and compare them with modern scientific concepts and tools.

Background of Monograph writing: Jainism has very deep insights and unique ideas related to spirituality, non-violence, morality, tolerance, forgiveness, co-existence, non-absolutism and vegetarianism. Today current generation is very curious to know Jain concepts but due to Sanskrit and difficult Hindi language they are not able to taste Jain literature. BMIRC thought to take initiative to write monographs on each Jain Concept so every person can be benefitted with the beauty of Jain tenets.

Eligibility and Requirements: Educators, scholars, practitioners, and writers who have substantive knowledge of Jain concepts, writing ability, and relevant research are encouraged to apply.

Process of Acceptance and Approval

1. BMIRC will invite Scholars and promised young researchers to write monograph on particular topic.
2. After having conversation with scholar and research BMIRC will select them as Monograph author.
3. The suggested name for author will be sent to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for final approval.
4. Finally approval letter will sent to the Author.

Expectation from Author

- Explanation of topic with research on the original texts.
- The language & terminology used are not overly academic but it must be simple, understandable, clear and accessible.
- It must cover complete idea of the concept.
- Authors are expected to relate with modern contexts and terms.
- Usage of Images and examples will make easier to understand the idea.
- Difference in tradition (Svetambara&Digambara) must be stated clearly.
- Arguments presented must avoid unnecessary complex and contradiction to Jain Concepts.

Bullet Points: Definition, Characteristics, types, practical examples, significance, practical implication.

Peer-Review: BMIRC Monograph drafts go through an external review process before they are accepted for publication. The reviews are conducted by experts in the field.

- After the external reviews are submitted to BMIRC we pass them onto the author. If the monograph is recommended for publication by both reviewers, BMIRC asks the author to address reviewers' suggested changes, if any. The author lets BMIRC know which of the suggested changes were incorporated into the monograph and which ones were left out and why;

Publication Format: The length of the monograph should be between 15,000 and 17,000 words, or around 60-100 pages (double space, 12 pt. font size, Times New Roman). The author must use **APA style** and **in-text citations**.

Duration: 3 months after approval Date.

Honorarium: 21,000 rupees.

RESOURCES

Separate Budget head for research is created by the BOM for the purpose of generation and allocation of resources for research.

RECRUITMENT & PROMOTION

It is mandatory to all the faculty members to participate in the research activities. As per UGC guidelines, it is also necessary to secure minimum API score. Research output is one of criteria for promotion. Number of articles published at the national and international level will be considered for promotion. The quality of research may be assessed as Impact Factor, as appropriate.

REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF RUNNING PROJECTS

The Institute will review the progress of the running projects time-to-time.

BhagawanMahavira International Research Centre (BMIRC)

BhagawanMahavira International Research Centre (BMIRC) was established on 2nd October 2014. It is an endeavour to facilitate scholars to undertake research projects and carry out innovative studies in social sciences with an aim of establishing the theoretical truths of the Jain doctrines and developing them further to present before the humanity at large the practical applications of these concepts and benefits of various spiritual practices.

These are not only relevant in the modern age but also have the potential of making substantial contribution in resolving the burning global problems such as:

- Violence, threatening peace and harmony in life at all levels—inter-personal, inter-communal and inter-national. It has resulted in unprecedented bloodshed and loss of life around the world. Meticulous practice of Non-violence, which is the cornerstone of Jainism, offers a panacea to many global maladies.
- The current affluent lifestyle with a goal to amass wealth and consumerism, have resulted in disastrous damage to the ecosystem and is not sustainable. Global Economics based on the Jain ethical principle of Aparigraha and Iccha-parimana (non-acquisitiveness and limited desires) can provide a sustainable development model.
- Destructive human emotions and intolerant behaviour have torn the moral and social fibre of humankind, and have led to many serious problems such as mental disorders and conflict at personal, family and social levels. The spiritual practices of meditation, contemplation, auto-suggestion, colour-visualization and the like prescribed in the ancient Jain canonical texts require a thorough scientific research to prove their efficacy in bringing about the transformation of human consciousness in terms of neuroscientific phenomena and thus can provide solution to these problems.

Besides these issues, there are a number of daily life problems which can be resolved through effective Jain practices such as:

- Tolerance and Forgiveness
- Dietary control and self-discipline
- Application of Anekant& Relativistic perspective, i.e., appreciation of all possible view points of any issue to resolve any conflict
- Peaceful co-existence and Religious Harmony
- Austerities and Penances
- Compassion and Friendliness
- Brahmacharya—Self-discipline to curb the sensual desires
- Value-education—Inculcation of spiritual, moral and human values from the very childhood or even in pre-natal state.

BMIRC Research Policy

1. Research activities shall be focused on the objectives of the four Chairs; many important areas have been identified by the advisers. Interdisciplinary projects can also be undertaken.
2. English translation of important Jaina texts and books is also a desirable activity. Translation of scriptures must have a commentary in modern context.
3. Any scholar or institution, national or overseas, interested in promoting the objectives of the Center can submit project proposals for study and research.
4. The Center may also initiate on its own research in areas identified and appoint such staff as may be necessary for this activity.
5. The projects shall be assessed for its importance and requirements by a Research Committee which will forward its recommendations to the Director for approval of VC.

6. The Research Committee shall comprise of selected members of the Advisory Board. Other experts may be co-opted depending on the requirements of the project.
7. The projects shall be financed by Center/JVBI.
8. The project can be executed at the Center or any of the Chapters depending on the availability of resources.
9. In case of project from overseas the Center/JVBI shall find appropriate funding agency to finance the project. Special rules if required for such projects may be framed by the Center.
10. The credentials of the Principal Investigator (PI), including projects in hand and remuneration thereof, shall be assessed by the Research Committee while making recommendations to the Director.
11. The PI shall be allowed an honorarium of Rs. 2000 per day up to a maximum of Rs. 50000 pm for the period of his stay at Ladnun. No remuneration shall be admissible for working at home. JVBI may provide the facility of free boarding and lodging at Ladnun campus and TA for journey.
12. The PI is encouraged to refer to Library of JVBI and information available on the internet. No charges for local library consultation shall be admissible.
13. The typing work may be done at the Center/Chapter office as far as possible. In case this is not possible the actual typing charges may be reimbursed by the Center. No post of typist shall be sanctioned for any individual project.
14. Besides research and translation editing of important manuscripts may also be undertaken as projects. In this case remuneration may be paid on page basis (a page consisting of 500 words).
15. All reports, books, Monographs, etc. on the outcome of research and study shall be published in English. However, in case of manuscripts the language can be Hindi or English.
16. It is suggested that publication series be started e.g.
 - a. Acharya Tulsi Series for research publications.
 - b. Acharya Mahaprajna series for translation, etc.
17. The laboratory and office facilities available at JVBI and local Chapters may be used for the projects. Investigations requiring costly machines and equipment's must be out sourced. However, funds can be sanctioned for small items.
18. The PI shall submit quarterly progress reports on the project. This report shall be assessed by the Research Committee. The PI shall also submit a final report on completion of the project. Care must be taken to avoid statements that may be source of controversy between various sects of Jainism and its main principles.
19. The PI is free to publish the findings of research in reputed journals and magazines and also present in National and international Conferences with the prior permission of the Center. The support of the Center shall be acknowledged in all such cases. Generally center shall not be liable to pay any expenses for this but particular cases may be considered on merit on special request by Pt.
20. The PI shall be responsible for maintaining and submission of final accounts in the format decided by the Center.
21. The budget of the project shall be released on quarterly basis. The budget of the next quarter shall be released on receipt of utilization certificate of the last quarter.
22. It shall be the prerogative of the Director to discontinue or terminate the project at any stage in case of unsatisfactory progress as reported by the Research Committee.

Broad Areas of Research

- History, Culture and Literature
- Metaphysics, Epistemology and Logic
- Science and Mathematics in Jainism
- Jain Ethics, Environmental Science and Social Science

Activities of BMIRC

- To study and analyze the relevance of scientific knowledge in Jain literature to modern science in the areas of medical sciences, meditation, astronomy, geography, physical and natural sciences, quantum theory etc.
- To study effects of Preksha Meditation on brain, intellect and psychological functions through electrophysiological, biochemical, psychosocial and imaging investigations.
- Research in brain and other systems of body.
- Studies of Jain Philosophical texts and develops a better understanding about their contents.
- Analyze the content of Agmic literature from mathematical and scientific point of view.
- To study the contribution, transmission, influences among Indian and other civilization in reference to Jain School of Mathematics and Science.
- To collect all the Manuscripts/Scanned Copies of Mathematics and Science written by Jain Scholars.
- Translate and prepare critical edition of the unpublished Manuscripts.
- To encourage undertaking studies and preparing tracts on specified mathematical and scientific topics common with other eastern and western traditions along with modern science.
- Training in Preksha Meditation :
 - General public both at Ladnun and at peripheral centres
 - Training of instructors
- Treatment of different diseases through Preksha Meditation & organization of camps at Ladnun and outside,
- Organization of seminars and lectures etc.

List of Completed Research Projects:

- Effect of Prolong Fasting on Human Health — Dr.PratapSanchetee
- Effect of Preksha Meditation on Mental Health of Elderly — Dr.PratapSanchetee
- History of Jain Philosophy and Philosophical Literature — Prof.Sagarmal Jain
- (i) History of Jain Arts and Monuments; (ii) Jain Logic : A Comparative Study — Prof.Bhagchandra Jain
- History of Apabhramsh Literature — Prof.Premsuman Jain
- Ahimsa and Peaceful Coexistence through Spiritual Practices (Psycho-biological Studies to Investigate Effects of Yoga and PrekshaDhyan on Aggressiveness and Academic Performance of School Children) — Prof.Viney Jain
- Engaging Jainism with Modern Issues — Prof. S.R. Bhatt
- Accomplished Research: Jain Ethics, Environment Science — Dr.KaminiGogri
- English Translation and Transliteration of BhagavatiAradhana with Critical Notes — Prof.Dalpat Singh Baya
- Bibliography of Jain Literature — SamaniAgamPrajna
- In a Globalized World Jainology Provides Inclusive & Sustainable Solution for Human Problems — Prof. L.N. Nathuramka and Ashok Bafna

List of Ongoing Research Projects:

- Critical Interpretation of Jain Myth at Angkor Period in Present Cambodia — Dr.SharadchandraHaribhauTilait (Jain)
- ‘Jainas’ Role in Origin and Subsequent Development of Number Theory — Prof. S. Panayappan

Introduction

MLSASP is a significant research cell of the institute. This is a well-known fact that Jain Vidya has a vast ocean of philosophic and scientific knowledge which has yet to be presented before the world in adequate and specific form. The spectacular progress of modern science has also provide the impetus to delve into our ancient intellectual accomplishments and establish their validity and age relevance. This backdrop thus determines the values and norms that govern the overall functioning of the Shodhpeeth. MLSASP has also been entrusted to organize international student exchange programmes. Every year, it organizes International Summer School Programme for the foreign and NRI students to study the basic concepts of Jainology, Nonviolence and Preksha Meditation. Foreign visitors who come to the Institute for Yoga & Meditation are also guided by the AnekantShodhPeeth in the conduct of practical sessions and arranging logistic arrangements on campus.

Objectives

- To stimulate depth-oriented and advanced research in Jain philosophy and literature
- To study the evolution of Jain thoughts in a historical perspective
- To present the Jain concepts in the context of modern science
- To highlight the role of Jain Vidya in working out solutions to contemporary problems

Nature of Work

- Preparing annotated bibliography of Jain texts and treatises
- Editing ancient manuscripts
- Preparing dictionaries and encyclopedias (kosh) in diverse disciplines of Jain Vidya
- Translating the Jain texts and literature available in Indian and foreign languages into Hindi and English
- Organizing seminars/workshops/conferences and lecture series
- Offering courses on understanding Jainism at national and international level
- Publishing important literature pertaining to Jain Vidya
- Offering International Language Orientation Programme

Project Information

- Dictionaries/Encyclopedia of various discipline
- Archives of Jain Heritage
- Comparative Religion and Philosophy
- Jain Agam Translation
- Bibliography of Jainism
- Training in Nonviolent Action for Enlightened Citizenship

Salient Features

- International Summer School on Understanding Jainism
- Acharya TulsiShrutSamvardhaniVyakhyanmala
- Acharya MahaprajnaPragyaSamvardhaniVyakhyanmala
- Courses of International Languages

JAIN VISHVA BHARATI INSTITUTE, LADNUN, RAJASTHAN**Tentative Phases of a Typical Research Project & Milestones**

Sl.	Phase	Milestones to monitor Progress of the Research	Duration	Percentage Release of Grant Amount

Note: Percentages correspond to that of total sanctioned research grant amount

Standard Terms & Conditions & Agreement for Grant of Research Project & Funding

These terms and conditions cover the sanctioned research project to the Principal Investigator & Co-Investigators. These conditions are binding unless and otherwise agreed upon in a separate document.

- 1. Research Project Planning:** The faculty or external applicant shall develop the research proposal, prepare work plan and budget for the project. The Research Proposal shall be approved by a **"Research Grant Appraisal Committee (RGAC)"** comprising of Subject Experts through a blind-review process. The approved proposal vetted for methodological rigour, quality and originality by the RGAC.
- 2. Responsibility & Withdrawal of Grant:** The PI undertakes to carry out the research project as conscientiously as conditions allow. The JVBI the granting authority reserves the right to stop further release of research grant installments in case of unsatisfactory progress.
- 3. Results of the project & inventions:** All reports are to be sent to the Research Project Cell in duplicate. The results of the work done in connection with the project and/or inventions shall remain property of the PI until and unless agreed upon otherwise, before the sanction of the research project. This also includes all IPR (Intellectual Property Rights) issues related to the project. However, the Institute reserves the right to use such results in connection with activities outside the scope of the research project e.g. in development of academic articles and publications based on the findings of the project.
- 4. Publishing:** Manuscripts of academic papers, brochures, advertisements, etc. which refers to or quote both parties shall be formally vetted by both parties before the propriety results of the research work is published.
- 5. Apparatus/equipment:** Instruments and/or equipment purchased or acquired in connection with the project and charged from the grant, remain the property of Jain VishvaBharati Institute (Deemed-to-be-Institute), unless the Institute specifically & mutually agree to it otherwise.
- 6. Termination of the research project:** The PI has a right to terminate the project at any time, but shall be liable for all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with halting the research work already in progress according to the agreed schedule. The Institute has a right to terminate the research project in case the PI or co-investigators are involved in any unethical practice either linked directly with the research project or tangentially related. The JVBI in this case shall not be liable for any expenses incurred after a notice has been issued in this regard.

- 7. Normal mode of payment:** The mode of release of payment to the PI for the research work shall be through crossed bank draft / multi-city cheque drawn in favour of the PI drawn in OBC, Ladhun in Rajasthan. A signed receipt for the same in original has to be deposited prior to the release of the grant in installments.
- 8. Disputes:** In the event of any dispute or difference between the parties hereto, such dispute/differences shall be resolved amicably by mutual consultation. If such resolution is not possible, then the unresolved dispute/difference shall be referred to an outside arbitrator to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor (Board of Management wherein the Vice Chancellor is the Chairman of the BoM) of the Institute for a reasoned Award. The Award of the arbitrator shall be binding on the parties to the dispute.

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Research Project Summary Sheet and Agreement Form

TITLE OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT (Kindly fill in BLOCK letters)

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Name: _____ Designation: _____

Department
: _____

Telephone: Direct: _____ EPABX: Extn _____ Email: _____

EXPECTED TIME SCHEDULE

Duration: _____ Years _____ Months _____ Weeks _____ Days.

Starting Date: _____

CO-INVESTIGATORS (if any)

Name: _____ Designation: _____

Department
: _____

Telephone: Direct: _____ EPABX: Extn _____ Email: _____

DETAILS OF EXTERNAL APPLICANT (Kindly fill in BLOCK letters)

Institute's/University's Name where the Applicant is Employed: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person in the Applicants Host Institute for Official Correspondence

Name: _____

Designation: _____

City: _____ Pin: _____ Ph. _____ Ext. _____

Email _____

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT SANCTIONED AND PAYMENT DETAILS

Mode of Payment:→ By Cheque / By draft / Electronic Transfer

Currency:→ Indian Rupees / Foreign→Country: _____ Currency: _____

Payment enclosed:→ Full Payment / Part Payment

Total Value (in figures) Total Value (in Words) Bank's Name and Branch

DD/Cheque No.

DD/Cheque Amount

DD/Cheque Date

OBJECTIVES AND TYPE:

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This agreement is subject to the Standard terms and Conditions for undertaking Research Projects at JVBI, Ladnun unless specially agreed to otherwise, the details mentioned above have been read and are acceptable.

Signature of the Consultant Incharge

Signature of the Client

Date:

Date: