



# **Research Promotion Policy, 2024**

## **The Assam Kaziranga University, Jorhat, Assam**

### **Introduction**

The Assam Kaziranga University has developed a Research Policy to promote research at the University. The policies have been formulated to set the direction and standards of research besides assurance of quality and ethics in research processes.

### **Preamble**

The holistic growth of any University depends on scholarship, research productivity and innovation. The success of a University in attaining its objectives is greatly contingent upon the alignment of the faculty with all the aspects of research initiatives being undertaken at the University. Therefore, the present research policy aims to help The Assam Kaziranga University and its faculty to achieve excellence and contribute to the research ecosystem of India.

### **Objectives**

This policy provides a broad framework to guide research and integrity of scholarly inquiry at the University. The objectives of the policy are as follows:

- i. To promote research, innovation, and intellectual capital.
- ii. To integrate faculty and student projects.
- iii. To ensure integrity, quality, and ethics in research.
- iv. To incentivize the generation of intellectual capital.

## **Rule and Criteria of Research Promotion**

- i. The incentives are given only to the faculty members, scientific officers and scholars.
- ii. In order to claim the incentives, the 1<sup>st</sup> author or the corresponding author should necessarily be from The Assam Kaziranga University.
- iii. Incentives are not given to the members who have left or were terminated from the University.
- iv. Resigned/retired faculty who are allowed to guide Ph.D. students of The Assam Kaziranga University.
- v. If any full-time faculty member expires, his/her incentives will be given to their legal heirs upon approval of management.
- vi. The faculty members, scientific officers and scholars should submit the publication of the Research Paper with application for the incentives to the respective Research Coordinator who in turn will submit the same to the Dean Research.
- vii. The respective Research Coordinator of the respective Schools should send the list per semester (**June and December**) to Dean Research and the latter will send the final list for approval to the management.

## **Promotion of Research**

The Assam Kaziranga University offers the following opportunities and benefits to attract the right kind of research talent:

### **A) Journal Research Publications:**

**Category I:** Incentive for publication in Science Citation Index (SCI), Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), ABDC listed journals having A\* and IIM listed A journals shall be Rs 5,000/- per publication, which will be distributed in the ratio of 70:30, and the 1<sup>st</sup> author or Corresponding author should necessarily be from The Assam Kaziranga University. The first author shall be eligible for 70% amount and the residual amount shall be distributed amongst the remaining authors from The Assam Kaziranga University.

There shall be no limit to the number of authors. The following conditions are to be fulfilled for providing incentives under category I.

- i. The impact factor of the journal should be 4 and above (5-year average).
- ii. The volume (annual) of the journal should be greater than 10.

**Category II:** Incentives for publication in Scopus index journals, ABDC listed journals having B&C ratings and IIM listed B&C ranked journals shall be Rs. 2000/- per publication, which will be distributed in the ratio of 70:30. The 1<sup>st</sup> author or Corresponding author necessarily is from Assam Kaziranga University and shall be eligible for 70% amount and the balance amount shall be distributed amongst the remaining authors from The Assam Kaziranga University.

**Category III:** Incentives for publication in the UGC Care listed Journals shall be Rs. 1,000/- per publication and the 1<sup>st</sup> author or Corresponding author should necessarily be from The Assam Kaziranga University. The incentive will be distributed in the ratio of 70:30. The 1<sup>st</sup> author or Corresponding author necessarily is from Assam Kaziranga University and shall be eligible for 70% amount and the balance amount shall be distributed amongst the remaining authors from The Assam Kaziranga University.

**Category IV:** If the 1<sup>st</sup> author is not from "The Assam Kaziranga University", the incentive amount shall be restricted to Rs 1,000/- per publication in the journals mentioned in criteria I to III, which will be distributed equally amongst all the authors from The Assam Kaziranga University.

**Category V:** If the 1<sup>st</sup> author is a research scholar, then the amount shall be restricted to Rs. 1,000/- per publication in the journals mentioned in criteria I to III.

**B) Conference paper presentation and proceedings:**

**Category I:** For national conference presentation and publication in India, the University will provide an appreciation letter.

**Category II:** For international conference presentations and publications done overseas, The University will provide an appreciation letter with an incentive of Rs. 5000.

**C) Book Chapter publication:**

- **Category I:** For a book chapter published by internationally reputed publishers with a DOI, the University will provide an appreciation letter along with an incentive of Rs. 900. The list of reputed publishers will be compiled following recommendations from the Deans' Offices of various Schools, and subsequent evaluations by the Dean (Research and Development) office.

- **Category II:** For a book chapter published by other reputed national/international publishers, the University will provide an appreciation letter.

#### **D) Research Projects**

- The incentive will be paid to the team of investigators of research projects with external funding an amount equal to 5% of the total non- recurring grant. This incentive will be paid in two parts- 2.5 % after receipt of 80% of the project amount and the other 2.5 % on completion of the project and receipt of the balance amount of the project. The incentive amount is divided equally among all the investigators.

#### **E) Consultancy Projects**

- The incentive will be paid to the team of investigators of consultancy projects with external funding an amount equal to 10% of the total consultancy grant. This incentive will be paid in two parts- 5% after receipt of 80% of the project amount and the other 5 % on completion of the consultancy and receipt of the balance amount of the project. The incentive amount is divided equally among all the investigators.

#### **F) Incentives of Patent:**

- An incentive of Rs. 5000/- along with an appreciation certificate will be paid to the team of investigators of patents with an appreciation letter for a patent grant. The incentive amount is divided equally among all the investigators.
- An incentive of Rs. 3000/- along with an appreciation certificate will be paid to the team of investigators of patents with an appreciation letter for patent publication. The incentive amount is divided equally among all the investigators.

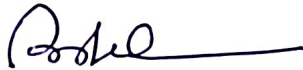
#### **G) Incentive of Copyright:**

- An incentive of Rs. 3000/- will be paid to the team of investigators of patents with an appreciation letter of Copyright. The incentive amount is divided equally among all the investigators.

## H) Recognition of Quality Research

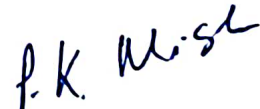
Given the crucial role of citation indices and journal impact factors in institutional rankings across various frameworks such as NIRF and QS World Rankings, The Assam Kaziranga University is implementing a policy to incentivize faculty members to produce high-quality papers with significant impact on the international research community. To this end, the following two categories have been established:

- **Category 1:** Cash awards, along with appreciation letters and trophies, will be bestowed upon the corresponding author and his team for the highest cited paper published in a journal. The corresponding author must be affiliated with The Assam Kaziranga University. The first author will be entitled to 70% of the award amount, while the remaining authors will share the remaining portion. The Dean (Research and Development) Office will meticulously review citation information from the SCOPUS database to select papers based on their total citations within a particular year, in accordance with this policy. The cash amount will be determined each year by a university-level Committee.
- **Category 2:** Cash awards, along with appreciation letters and trophies, will be presented to the corresponding author of the paper published in a journal with the highest JCR impact factor. The impact factor of the journal will be exclusively the Clarivate Analytics Impact Factor (Web of Science Group) and from the annually updated list. The cash amount will be determined each year by a university-level committee.



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