

Research Policy
Department of Psychology
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1. Introduction**1.1 Scope/ Applicability of the Policy**

Department of Psychology, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) is focussed on conducting high quality ethical researches for increasing the domain knowledge and also to come up with practical solutions to real life issues. This document is applicable for all, faculty and students involved in research-related activities.

1.2. Policy Statement

Department of Psychology aims to conduct cutting-edge basic, targeted and applied research in the domain of Psychology. The focus here is to conduct researches that are transparent and are rooted in ethics. The focus of Department of Psychology is to ensure that the outcomes of such research are shared and effectively disseminated to audience at both national and global levels.

1.3 Rationale

The research policy has been put in place in Department of Psychology to ensure that faculty, research scholars and students demonstrate integrity and professionalism, fairness and equity, and intellectual honesty while conducting researches.

2. Objectives

1. To create and promote a culture of research among the faculty, research scholars and students of Department of Psychology.
2. To identify research areas of academic, practical and social relevance in the discipline of Psychology.
3. To organize seminars/conferences/workshops on research topics and training programmes in research methodology for the faculty, research scholars and students.
4. To ensure quality, integrity and ethics are maintained in all research endeavours.
5. To bring about an annual/periodic compendium of abstracts/papers presented by the staff and students in various seminars / conferences / workshops.
6. To serve as a facilitator providing professional guidance, technical support and recommendation for financial assistance to faculty of Department of Psychology.

3. Conduct of Research

Department of Psychology hereby affirms the following principles while conducting researches-

1. Individual faculty, research scholars and students should be free to select the subject matter of their research, and to arrive at their own

- findings and conclusions. These findings and conclusions should be available for critical review by peers.
2. Research techniques should not violate established professional ethics pertaining to the health, safety, privacy, and other personal rights of human beings or to the infliction of injury or pain on animals.
 3. The Department should create an environment conducive to research by providing suitable infrastructural facilities such as space, library, lab facilities, and funding if available, based on the educational merit of the proposed research.

4. Responsibilities of Researchers

4.1. Responsibilities of Faculty

Faculty members must be aware of their obligations to research scholars and students working as part of the research team. It is to be noted, that each faculty member should review intellectual and tangible property rights and responsibilities (for proper authorship attribution, etc.), with all members of the group under his or her direction, including students and research scholars.

4.2. Health and Safety

Each faculty member is responsible for advising members of his or her team in appropriate health, insurance and safety procedures that must be taken to work in a particular area of research, and for management of those procedures in his or her office or laboratory or other workspaces.

5. Conclusion

The research policy laid out is hereby to ensure that research related activities within the Department of Psychology are encouraged and are also conducted in allegiance with the research policy of CHRIST (Deemed to be University).



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