A. NORMS FOR THE RECOGNITION AS RESEARCH CENTRE

Subject to the provisions contained in Chapter 33 (‘Recognised Institutions’) of Kerala University First Statutes 1978, recognition as research centres may be granted to (1) Departments in affiliated Colleges having postgraduate programme in the subject concerned, and (2) Institutions devoted to research and specialist studies, not run on commercial lines. Recognition shall be granted based on the following norms:

1. The Centre should have its own building space to accommodate library, reference section, laboratory etc., and the centre should be located within the territorial jurisdiction of the University.

2. The library of the centre should have a minimum of twelve journals approved by the Board of Studies in the subject on its live subscription list and a collection of at least 3000 books of research value, with regular annual additions with a specific reference section.

3. In the case of Science/Professional subjects, there should be a laboratory with adequate facilities to meet the requirements of the scholars.

4. The centre should provide separate working facilities to individual scholars by way of space, furniture etc.

5. There should be at least two approved research guides working as regular faculty in the centre.

6. A research committee should be constituted comprising the research guides attached to the Centre, with the Head of the Department/Centre as Chairman and a senior research guide nominated, by the institution as Convener. This Committee will be responsible for the overall planning and execution of the research activities in the Centre.

7. The Head of the Institution shall give an undertaking to the University to the effect that

   a) adequate funds will be made available for the centre
   b) scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength,
   c) academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects etc. will be undertaken as part of the centre’s functioning and
   d) a report will be forwarded annually, in the month of December, to the University on the functioning of the Centre along with the annual fees.
b) scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength,
c) academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects etc. will be undertaken as part of the centre's functioning and
d) a report will be forwarded annually, in the month of December, to the University on the functioning of the Centre along with the annual fees.

B. PROCEDURE FOR RECOGNITION

i. The application, if found satisfactory by the Registrar in terms of the statutory provisions and the norms approved by the Syndicate, may be placed before the Standing Committee on Research and Scholarships for preliminary consideration.

ii. An Inspection Committee may be appointed, with two members of the Syndicate and one subject expert, for making enquiry into all matters relevant to the application by visiting the Institution.

iii. The report of the Inspection Committee after consideration and approval by the Syndicate, may be placed before the Academic Council for its opinion.

iv. The report, along with the views of the Academic Council, may then be placed before the Standing Committee on Research and Scholarships for a final consideration. The applicant may also be invited for discussion, if necessary, before finalising the recommendation.

v. The Syndicate may then consider the recommendation of the Standing Committee and take a final decision on whether recognition is to be granted to the institution.

vi. The Institution shall affiliate as a Recognised Research Centre by paying a Recognition fee of Rs.5000/- An annual affiliation fee of Rs.1000/- shall be levied from each centre.

Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-
RADHAMONY AMMA
Deputy Registrar (Acad.IV)
For Registrar

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