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NOTIFICATION

As per decision taken by the Executive Council of the University vide Agenda-Item No.2.9 in its 39th Meeting convened on 16th February, 2025, following Policies are hereby notified in the University with effect from 16th February, 2025:

1. NLUJ Research Seed Funding Policy.
2. NLUJ Policy for Endowment.
3. NLUJ Policy for constitution of Gold Medal.

Copies of the Policies are enclosed herewith.

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3/4/2025
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Registrar

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action:-

1. PS to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur.
2. Dean/Asstt. Deans, National Law University, Jodhpur.
3. Director/Joint Director, SoIS, NLU, Jodhpur.
4. Deputy Registrar, NLU, Jodhpur.
5. AO&FA, NLU, Jodhpur.
6. All the Faculty Members, National Law University, Jodhpur.
7. All Students, National Law University, Jodhpur.
8. All the Sections In-charge, National Law University, Jodhpur.
9. IT Cell, National Law University, Jodhpur.(For uploading University Website)
10. File concerned.

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RESEARCH SEED FUNDING POLICY

INTRODUCTION

National Law University Jodhpur proposes a 'Research Seed Funding' Policy to encourage new innovative interdisciplinary research initiatives and develop the culture of research amongst the faculty members. Seed funding in higher education institutions in India and across the world, allows preliminary ideas to be tested as launching pad for seeking external funding from various government and private agencies. It is an initial financial and infrastructural support provided to the researchers in order to develop small scale internal collaborative innovation and exploratory research skills.

OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

- To promote innovative and high-quality research by providing initial financial support to the full-time faculty members of the University.
- To stimulate the competitive research in emerging areas of regional/national and /international significance.
- To provide the platform to the faculty to start a research program that eventually could lead to larger research grants from external agencies.
- To encourage interdisciplinary research and foster collaboration between departments.
- To establish a strong research culture for the development of faculty and the institution.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Regular full-time Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor, can apply for Seed Funding as Principal investigator (PI).
- A Principal Investigator (PI) can submit only one application. However, a faculty member can be a co-investigator in more than one proposal.
- The research must be in a preliminary stage or can show the potential to be further developed into a broader research project/ area to secure external funding.
- The research should be aligned with institutional research priorities.

- Proposals for interdisciplinary research will be preferred.

SEED FUNDING AMOUNT, DURATION AND UTILIZATION

Amount: A maximum of Rs. 4 Lakhs of grant will be provided for one project. Three research projects shall be selected each year. Allocation of fund shall be decided on the basis of nature and the scope of the research.

Duration: The research funded under the policy should be completed in a period of 10 months. Only in desirable cases extension of a month can be given.

Utilization: The fund shall be used for the actual cost towards research activities including:

- Collection of Primary Data
- Appointing field investigators and research assistants
- Acquiring research material like books, software etc.
- Travelling for Field visits

This fund should strictly be used for completing the research project and not for any other academic activity like doing own Ph.D. work or organising or attending conferences, seminars or workshops. The Policy does not include and remuneration or coordination fee payable to PI or Co-PI since the policy is for promoting research culture at the university.

If the PI leaves the University, all items procured (books, equipment, stationery, furniture, etc.) will become property of the University.

Any intellectual property generated during the project shall be owned by the university.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Submission of Proposals:

a. The university will invite the research project proposals each year along with deadlines and submission guidelines. The eligible and interested faculty members shall submit detailed research proposals within a month from inviting the applications. The proposal along with Letter of Intent and CV must include:

- Background of the Research Proposed
- Research Objectives
- Methodology and Method
- Expected Outcomes
- A detailed budget- various heads where funds must be allocated

- Proposed publication of research findings in the Scopus indexed/ UGC Carelisted/ Peer Reviewed Journals.

b. Initial Review and Award Process: An expert committee, comprising of external experts from the relevant fields, will be constituted for reviewing and selecting the project proposals. The following are some of common criteria used for evaluation:

- Innovative interdisciplinary research
- Feasibility of the proposed research project
- Promise of sustainable research and development
- Potential of attracting external funding
- Budget matching with claimed outcomes.
- Intellectual merit and its broader impact
- Alignment with Institutional priorities

Selected research proposals shall be sanctioned the seed funding.

Wherever required, the university shall provide an external mentor for each selected research project to guide the research work.

c. Evaluation and Assessment of the Research Project: Progress of the research shall be monitored regularly through:

- **Mid Term Progress Report:** Submission of progress report of the work accomplished, expenditure incurred, and challenges faced.
- **Final Report:** At the end of the project funding period, the researcher must submit a detailed report presenting research outcomes and analysis. The researcher should also provide the details of publications.

d. Accountability:

The faculty members awarded seed funding must maintain proper financial documentation, including expense reports and receipts, to account for the usage of the seed funding and submit it at the end of the project.