# Policy on Financial Support for Faculty

### Objective:

The objective of this policy is to establish guidelines for providing financial support to faculty members at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (MSU), Tirunelveli, to promote professional development, research endeavors, and academic excellence.

#### Scope:

This policy applies to all full-time faculty members employed at MSU, including professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and lecturers.

### **Financial Support Categories:**

#### 1. Research Grants:

- MSU allocates funds to support faculty research activities, including research projects, conferences, workshops, and publication expenses.
- Faculty members can apply for research grants based on the merit and feasibility of their proposed research projects.

### 2. Professional Development Funds:

- MSU provides financial assistance to faculty members for attending conferences, seminars, workshops, and training programs relevant to their expertise.
- Funds may cover registration fees, travel expenses, accommodation, and other associated costs.

## 3. Teaching Innovation Grants:

- MSU offers grants to faculty members to support innovative teaching methods, curriculum development, and educational technology initiatives.
- Funding is available for implementing pedagogical innovations, developing teaching materials, and organizing workshops for faculty development.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- Full-time faculty members with a minimum one-year tenure at MSU can apply for financial support.
- Applicants must submit a detailed proposal outlining the proposed activity's purpose, objectives, budget, and expected outcomes.

### **Application Process:**

- Faculty members seeking financial support must submit their applications through the designated online portal.
- Applications will be reviewed by a university-appointed committee based on predefined evaluation criteria.

#### Disbursement and Utilization:

- Approved funds will be disbursed to faculty members upon completing the application review process.
- Recipients are required to utilize the funds by the approved budget and guidelines specified by the university.

## Monitoring and Evaluation:

- The university will monitor the utilization of financial support funds and evaluate the outcomes and impact of supported activities.
- Faculty members receiving financial support must submit periodic progress reports and outcomes assessments to the university.

#### Review and Revision:

- This policy will undergo periodic review and revision by the university's academic council to ensure alignment with institutional goals and priorities.
- Stakeholder feedback and input will be solicited during policy reviews to enhance the effectiveness and relevance of financial support programs for faculty members.

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