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## RESEARCH POLICY 2026

(Revision – II, w.e.f - 01.01.2026)

### 1. AIMS OF THE RESEARCH POLICY

- ❖ Akshaya College of Engineering and Technology (ACET), Coimbatore, aims to create and support a research culture for developing and promoting scientific temper and research aptitudes among its teachers, staff and students. It helps to realize the vision and mission of the institution and for contributing to national development by facilitating their participation in research and related activities and by providing the required resources and appropriate facilities.
- ❖ It also aims at ensuring that the research activities of the institution conform to all applicable rules and regulations as well as to the established standards and norms relating to safe and ethical conduct of research.

### 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE RESEARCH POLICY

- ❖ Strengthening the institutional capacity for strategic, technical and operational planning, budget and control of all research activities of the University.
- ❖ Developing rules, procedures and guidelines for granting research support, instituting awards, and supporting all other related activities.
- ❖ Developing rules, procedures and guidelines for granting on duty and reduction in workload etc. for members of faculty undertaking research activities.

### 3. RESEARCH STRUCTURE AT ACET

- ❖ **Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** responsible for planning, monitoring, and evaluation.
- ❖ **Department Research Coordinators (DRC)** for department-level facilitation.
- ❖ **Industry & Innovation Cell** to promote technology transfer and consultancy.
- ❖ **IPR Cell** for patent support and legal guidance.
- ❖ **Industry Institute Partnership Cell (IIPC)** to strengthen industry collaboration and promotes applied research.
- ❖ **Innovation & Entrepreneurship Development Cell (IEDC)** to supports ideation, incubation, prototyping, and start up development.



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## 4. RESEARCH PUBLICATION NORMS

| Faculty Cadre       | Minimum Scopus Publications Required / Year | Minimum SCI / SCIE Publications Required / Year |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Professor           | 2 Scopus                                    | 1 SCI/SCIE                                      |
| Associate Professor | 2 Scopus                                    | 1 SCI/SCIE                                      |
| Assistant Professor | 2 Scopus                                    | SCI/SCIE encouraged                             |

\*Must publish papers with ACET affiliation.

## 5. PUBLICATION INCENTIVES

### 5.1 Journal Publication Incentives

| Norms         | Incentive in Rs.             |               |              |               |              |        |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------|
|               | First / Corresponding Author | Second Author | Third Author | Fourth Author | Fifth Author | Total  |
| SCI/SCIE – Q1 | ₹13,000                      | ₹11,000       | ₹9,000       | ₹7,000        | ₹4,000       | 44,000 |
| SCI/SCIE – Q2 | ₹12,000                      | ₹10,000       | ₹8,000       | ₹5,000        | ₹3,000       | 38,000 |
| SCI/SCIE – Q3 | ₹10,000                      | ₹8,000        | ₹5,000       | ₹3,000        | ₹2,000       | 28,000 |
| SCI/SCIE – Q4 | ₹8,000                       | ₹5,000        | ₹3,000       | ₹2,000        | ₹1,000       | 19,000 |
| ESCI – Q1/Q2  | ₹8,000                       | ₹5,000        | ₹3,000       | ₹2,000        | ₹1,000       | 19,000 |
| ESCI – Q3/Q4  | ₹5,000                       | ₹3,000        | ₹2,000       | ₹1,500        | ₹1,000       | 12,500 |
| Scopus        | ₹5,000                       | ₹2,000        | ₹1,000       | -             | -            | 8,000  |

\*Articles after indexed in WoS/Scopus are only eligible.

\* For publications from the same institution, only the first two authors are eligible for incentives. Beyond the second author, only one faculty member will be eligible as per the prescribed scale.

### 5.2 Book & Book Chapter Incentives

| Type                           | Incentive in Rs. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Authored Book – WoS Indexed    | ₹5,000           |
| Authored Book – Scopus Indexed | ₹3,000           |
| Edited Book – WoS Indexed      | ₹2,500           |
| Edited Book – Scopus Indexed   | ₹1,500           |

\*Not applicable to paid publishers.

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#### (a) High Impact journal papers

- ❖ For every paper published in a journal with more than an impact factor, of 5, the first and corresponding author will get an additional incentive of Rs. 2000/- (web of science) and Rs. 1000/- (Scopus) respectively.

#### (b) Collaborative Research Publications

- ❖ For technical papers published with National collaboration (premier institutions like IITs, IISc, NITs and Industries / Research organizations) an additional incentive of Rs. 2,000/- for the first author and Rs. 1,000/- for the second author will be given.
- ❖ For papers with International collaboration (Top 200 QS ranked University / Institutions / Industry / Research organizations) - An additional incentive of Rs. 4,000/- for the first author and Rs. 2,000/- for the second author will be given.

### 5.3 National and International Conference Support

| Description   | Incentive in Rs.                         | Eligibility  |
|---|--|--|
| IEEE , Indexed in Scopus participation & presentation | ₹5,000<br>(up to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Author) | Participating in Institutes under NIRF ranking within 200. |

\*Applicable for only one ACET Authors

- ❖ Towards Registration for Conference, T.A & D.A (Will be paid after the article gets indexed in either Scopus/Wos)
- ❖ **Eligibility:**
  - Faculty with minimum one year service are eligible for conference support up to ₹50,000.
  - Conference support can be availed only once in two academic years.
  - Beneficiaries must serve the institution for three years after availing financial assistance else, the financial support received must be refunded.

### 6. IPR SUPPORT

#### 6.1 Patent Filing

| Support Type                       | Incentive | Eligibility                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Filing & Early Publication Charges | ₹2,000    | ACET must be the First Applicant. |
| Patent Grant Incentive             | ₹5,000    |                                   |

\*The first author must be ACET. Among the remaining authors, only one will be eligible for the incentive.

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## 7. FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

| Role                        | Incentive                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Principal Investigator (PI) | 5% of sanctioned amount   |
| Co-PI                       | 2.5% of sanctioned amount |

### Disbursement Schedule:

- ❖ 2% (PI) + 1% (Co-PI) upon receiving sanction letter & funds.
- ❖ 1% (PI) + 1% (Co-PI) after first progress report.
- ❖ 2% (PI) + 0.5% (Co-PI) after project completion.

## 8. CONSULTANCY POLICY

### Revenue Sharing Model

| Type of Consultancy         | Principal Investigator | ACET |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------|
| Personal Consultancy        | 60%                    | 40%  |
| ACET Consultancy            | 40%                    | 60%  |
| Testing & Evaluation        | 30%                    | 70%  |
| Calibration/Standardization | 20%                    | 80%  |

## 9. NPTEL Certificate

| Type               | Incentive in Rs. |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Domain Certificate | ₹5,000           |
| Gold               | ₹2,000           |
| Silver             | ₹1,500           |

## 10. GLOBAL CERTIFICATION SUPPORT

- ❖ Faculty members are eligible for institutional support to obtain global certifications. Those who receive this support for the examination fee are required to serve the institution for a minimum period of three years. If this condition is not met, the faculty member must repay the financial assistance received.

## 11. Ph.D COMPLETION / Ph.D SUPERVISOR SUPPORT

| Support Type                      | Incentive in Rs.         |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ph.D- Completion- Faculty Members | ₹10,000 + Hike in Salary |
| Ph.D- Completion- Supervisor      | ₹10,000/- Scholar        |



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## 12. STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

- ❖ Undergraduate students encouraged to publish in Scopus-indexed venues.
- ❖ Encourage for participating in Smart India Hackathon, Statathon 2025, DRDO, ISRO, AICTE events.

## 13. BEST RESEARCH DEPARTMENT AWARD

This award is given annually during annual day function to the research-wise best performing department. The criteria for selection of the award are as follows.

| S.No | Criteria<br>(Data pertaining to the assessment year)  | Details  | Points as<br>per criteria |
|------|---|--|---------------------------|
| 1    | Research funds obtained by the department   | > ₹1 Crore - 20 Marks<br>₹50L-1Cr -15 Marks<br>₹10L-50L - 10 Marks   | 20                        |
| 2    | Number of Research papers (Scopus / SCI) published<br>in the international Journals in the name of our<br>college                   | ≥ 20 papers - 20 Marks<br>15-11 - 15 Marks<br>10-5 - 10 Marks<br>1-4 - 5 Marks   | 20                        |
| 3    | Highest impact factor of the journal wherein our<br>college research paper has been published                                       | ≥ 5.0 -10 Marks<br>4.0 - 4.9 -8 Marks<br>3.0 - 3.9 - 6 Marks<br>1.0 - 2.9 -4 Marks<br>< 1.0 -2 Marks                                     | 10                        |
| 4    | Total number of research Activities/ Events completed   | ≥ 10 -10 Marks<br>7 - 9 -8 Marks<br>4 - 6-5 Marks<br>1 - 3- 3 Marks  | 10                        |
| 5    | Books / book chapters published / Other research<br>activities (ISBN books / chapters) – Only WoS,<br>Scopus Indexed are considered | ≥ 5 -5 Marks<br>3 - 4 -4 Marks<br>2 -3 Marks<br>1 -2 Marks   | 10                        |
| 6    | Maintenance of Google scholar page for the<br>Department  | Active, updated, verified &<br>public with department<br>profile-5<br>Active but not updated<br>regularly-3<br>Created but incomplete- 2 | 5                         |

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| S.No  | Criteria<br>(Data pertaining to the assessment year)               | Details  | Points as<br>per criteria |
|-------|--|--|---------------------------|
| 7     | Total number of citations of the department                        | $\geq 200$ - 5 Marks<br>150 - 100 - 4 Marks<br>100 - 75 - 3 Marks<br>75 - 50 - 2 Marks<br>< 50 - 1 Marks | 5                         |
| 8     | h index of the department  | $\geq 10$ - 5 Marks<br>10 - 8 - 4 Marks<br>8 - 6 - 3 Marks<br>6 - 4 - 2 Marks<br>< 4 - 1 Marks           | 5                         |
| 9     | i10 index of the department  | $\geq 10$ - 5 Marks<br>10 - 8 - 4 Marks<br>8 - 6 - 3 Marks<br>6 - 4 - 2 Marks<br>< 4 - 1 Marks           | 5                         |
| 10    | Number of research proposals submitted to the<br>external agencies | $\geq 10$ - 5 Marks<br>7 - 9 - 4 Marks<br>4 - 6 - 3 Marks<br>1 - 3 - 2 Marks<br>< 3 - 1 Marks            | 5                         |
| 11    | Number of patents applied by the department                        | $\geq 5$ - 5 Marks<br>3 - 4 - 4 Marks<br>2 - 3 Marks<br>1 - 2 Marks                                      | 5                         |
| TOTAL |  |  | 100                       |



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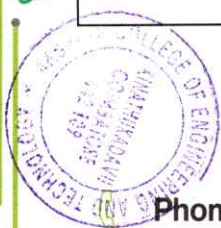
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Kinathukadavu, Coimbatore-642109. [www.acetcbe.edu.in](http://www.acetcbe.edu.in)**14. BEST RESEARCHER AWARD**

The Best Researcher is selected from among all faculty members based on the following criteria, and the award is presented annually during the Annual Day function.

| S.No  | Criteria (Data pertaining to the assessment year)   | Details   | Points as per criteria |
|-------|---|---|------------------------|
| 1.    | Research funds obtained<br>( Govt / Industry funded projects)   | PI – 10 Marks / project<br>Co-PI – 5 Marks / project  | 30                     |
| 2.    | Number of Research papers published in the reputed international Journals (SCI, Scopus, WoS etc..)                      | Q1 – 8 Marks / paper<br>Q2 – 6 Marks / paper<br>Q3 – 4 Marks / paper<br>Q4 – 2 Marks / paper  | 20                     |
| 3.    | Total number of citations   | $\geq 100$ - 5 Marks<br>90 – 75 - 4 Marks<br>75 – 50 - 3 Marks<br>50 – 25- 2 Marks<br><25- 1 Marks  | 10                     |
| 4.    | h-index   | h-index $\geq 10$ - 10 Marks<br>h-index 6-9 - 7 Marks<br>h-index 3-5 -5 Marks   | 10                     |
| 5.    | i10-index   | i-index $\geq 10$ - 10 Marks<br>i-index 6-9 - 7 Marks<br>i-index 3-5 -5 Marks   | 10                     |
| 6.    | Books / Book chapters published (ISBN / Scopus indexed) / Other research activities (Journal Reviewer, Editorial Board) | $\geq 3$ Books / Chapters - 6<br>2 Books / Chapters - 4<br>1 Book / Chapter - 2<br>$\geq 4$ Activities - 4<br>2 – 3 Activities- 3<br>1 Activity - 2 | 10                     |
| 7.    | Patents   | Granted – 10 Marks<br>Published – 7 Marks<br>Filed – 5 Marks  | 10                     |
| TOTAL |   |   | 100                    |



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