# MAR ATHANASIOS COLLEGE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES TIRUVALLA (MACFAST)
# Research Policy

Mar Athanasios College for Advanced Studies Tiruvalla, herein after referred to as MACFAST, is committed to promote research culture among the faculty members and students. The college recognizes the view that "*best teaching and learning process at the higher education level occur in environments where there is also a strong culture of research and knowledge creation*". The vision of the institution is "*to be a global icon in quality education, research and entrepreneurship fora sustainable future.*" The research policy aims at realizing this vision and contributing to national development by establishing an institutional framework.

## Objectives:

- To ensure the quality of all research activities of the college and to observe the highest standards of ethics.

- To promote interdisciplinary research and to establish modalities for undertaking research projects.

- To initiate mobilization of research fund for supporting and facilitating research activities.

- To organize workshops, seminars, conferences and training /sensitization programmes to promote research.

- To frame rules, regulations and guidelines for granting study leave, sabbatical leave, duty leave, reduction in workload, financial assistance  etc. for faculty members undertaking research activities.

- To highlight the thrust areas of research.

- To indicate appropriate opportunities offered by different research organizations.

- To promote research collaborations with national and international organizations.

- To encourage publication of research work in national/international indexed journals and to upgrade the research journal of the college.

- To develop a database of all the research work/projects undertaken.

- To create an ecosystem for research leading to innovations and entrepreneurship.

- To facilitate patenting of processes and products of the research.

## Code of Ethics for Research

- A Research Advisory Committee has been constituted and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) is adopted for monitoring the research activities of the college.

- Ethical clearance should be obtained from the appropriate authority, wherever necessary.

- Publication of research papers shall be subject to review and recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee.

## Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

- The college follows the rules and regulations of the affiliating University and the UGC for the conduct of research activities.

## Implementation of the Research Policy:

The Research Advisory Committee of the college is responsible for implementing this research policy. The functions of the Committee are:

1. To improve availability of infrastructure for the smooth facilitation of research activities.
2. To convene regular meetings of the Research Forum and to initiate discussions and debates on the emerging areas of different disciplines.
3. To establish an active liaison with national /international organizations such as UGC, CSIR, DST-SERB, DST, DBT, NATO, DRDO and BARC for internship of students, research association of faculties and funding of major and minor research projects.
4. To update and implement an official Code of Ethics to check malpractices and plagiarism.
5. To publicize the research expertise and consultancy capabilities of the college among industrialists, Government and Non-Government organizations and the public.
6. To institute awards, recognitions etc. to encourage quality research.
7. To ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements.

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