

## CHAPTER THIRTEEN

### RESEARCH GRANTS

#### 13. Guidelines for Research Grants

##### 13.1 Research Facilitation Fund (RFF)

###### 1. Selection of Awardees

The Procedure will be as follows;

- # Applications will be called by open advertisement
- # Application will be forwarded to relevant Board of Study
- # The relevant Board of Study has to select the applicant as per normal procedure and forward to RRF Committee
- # The final selection of awardees will be carried out by the RFF Committee
- # Applications will be called once in two years

###### 2. Supervisor of the Student shall sign a surety bond with the Director PGIA.

###### 3. General Conditions

- 3.1 Under reasonable circumstances if the approved budget is to be changed within the allocation, student shall submit a detailed report justifying the need of such change to the RFF Committee through the Director/PGIA. The RFF Committee has discretion whether to recommended / not recommend to the BoM for approval. The request should come with the recommendation of the Board of Study.
- 3.2 The Research Assistant should be a full-time student. If they are employed, they must obtain leave from their employers to register as a full-time student of the Institute.
- 3.3 The student should maintain satisfactory progress in the research project.
- 3.4 Supervisor has to advice the Student to submit Progress report to this effect to the Director, PGIA through you and Secretary, Board of Study every 6 months. The Student has to present the progress of research in consultation with the for

the RFF committee in every 6 months for evaluation of research. The progress of the Research Project should inform to the BoM in every 6 months period.

4. Student should, during the period of the Grant, observe and follow all rules and regulations of the University of Peradeniya.
5. It is required that in case the student does not comply with guidelines or the work is unsatisfactory or due to medical reasons the Research Assistant is unsuitable to continue with the project, the BoM shall be informed to obtain a decision and it will be the final and conclusive.
6. Student should disclose to the Director/PGIA the new process, technique or formula that has been discovered during the course of the research study.
7. Student shall, within three months after completion of the research Project submit a comprehensive report to the Director to the PGIA incorporation whatever knowledge he/she has gained on matters of general specific interest to the Institute/University for information of the Bo M.
8. Any and all research invention, findings, patents, products (hard/soft), protocols and hypothesis will become the property of the Institute (PGIA) and can only be sold, developed, evolved, propagated, distributed, after getting written approval from the BoM. Any profits resulting from said outcomes should be;
  - 8.1 If is of national importance (If not Funded partially by other grants) :- be distributed free of charge to the agro community and the industries and be identified as an outcome of the RFF grant by the PGIA
  - 8.2 If is of national importance (If Funded partially by other grants) :- be distributed under patent or rights accordingly with the PGIA and other funding party as beneficiaries via agreed terms on a case by case basis.

- 8.3 If not coming under a) or b) above: - be distributed under patent or rights accordingly with the PGIA as beneficiary via agreed terms (including financial) on a case by case basis.

#### **Application Form and Selection Procedure**

- The students should fulfill all admission requirements and should register as a full time M.Phil/Ph.D, M.Sc (CW&R), MBA (CW&R) student at the PGIA.
- Research proposals should be approved by the relevant Board of Study accordingly to the requirements of the Board of Study.

#### **Monitoring of Research**

- The RFF Committee will monitor research every six months
- Research students should submit progress reports regularly
- With the recommendation of the Committee the SAB will release funds when required.