**Eastern University, Sri Lanka**

**Research Council**

***Terms of Reference for the Research Councils:***

* Provide strategic leadership to promote research and development at Eastern University.
* Provide feedback and guidance to Higher Degrees Committee of the university on all research degrees (PhD, MPhil) conducted by EUSL.
* Review and propose revisions and updates to research policy and guidelines of Eastern University.
* Answerable to Senate on the activities of the Research Council and recommend the Senate on all matters relating to research strategy, policy and research management within the University.
* Provide leadership to improve research performance and quality research output through monitoring and benchmarking.
* Develop and update guidelines for research awards for academics, graduates and undergraduates.
* Develop and update the webpage on research, Research Information System (RIS) and activities of the Research Council.
* Brief the Senate with a monthly report on the activities of Research Council during the preceding month.
* Evaluate the applications and regulate all research awards by Eastern University by appointing relevant subcommittees and make recommendations to Senate.
* Evaluate academics based on UGC Circular 05/2018(i):***Transparent Research Performance Scheme to Recognize Researchers in the University System*.**
* Promote awareness among researchers on current research issues and opportunities.
* Oversee and moderate Intellectual Property (IP) policy.
* Inform and advise the Senate on research and research training opportunities as they arise.
* Recommend Research Allowance Applications to Vice Chancellor for approval.
* Implement the related strategic activities as specified in Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan 2020-2024.
* Establish defined thematic research clusters/ programs (trans and multidisciplinary), cognizant of national and regional priorities.
* Administer through appropriate mechanisms the sharing of research equipment facilities (common lab concept) within the university.
* Promote/facilitate research collaborations with International institutions and attract/ facilitate postdoctoral fellowships.
* Recommend National/International research conferences to Senate and conduct.
* Oversee review process of Annual Research Sessions and conferences through appropriate instruments prescribed by Research Council.
* Monitor through appropriate mechanisms the effectiveness of integrating Honors Degree research projects with community & environmental needs and development.
* Represent in the editorial board (Chaired by Chair of FRC) of Annual Research Sessions conducted by the faculties and Evaluate the "*Award of Excellence in Research with regard to Regional / National significance*" (Appendix-1 in Research Policy).
* Work in liaison with Centre of Quality Assurance to assure quality and ethics in research.

***Terms of Reference for the Chairperson / Research Councils***

* Implementation of the decisions of Research Council and Senate.
* Brief the Senate with a monthly report on the activities of Research Council during the preceding month.
* Chair all subcommittees to scrutinize / evaluate applications for research grants, output based research awards, other awards and prizes.
* Recommend Research Allowance Applications recommended by FRC for approval of the Vice Chancellor.
* Chair the subcommittee (comprising Chairs of FRC) to review and recommend research allowance applications coming from outside the Faculty Research Committees (FRC) and where necessary applications by faculties.
* Chair the subcommittee to evaluate academics based on UGC Circular 05/2018(i):***Transparent Research Performance Scheme to Recognize Researchers in the University System*.**
* Chair any other subcommittees of Research Council that is formed time to time by the Research Council for specific purpose.
* Organise events annually to facilitate the exchange and dissemination of scientific information concerning research and research training issues for the University staff and for the broader research community
* Promote a culture that supports the awareness and creation of intellectual property (IP) within the University.
* Conduct / facilitate social events for presentations and interactions and share research success stories (Conferences and informal gathering).
* Motivate and make academics aware about external research grants.
* Facilitates overseas scholar’s visits that is handled by AR / Strategic Planning Unit

***Terms of Reference for the Faculty Research Committee and its Chair***

* Review and recommend Research Allowance Applications of the faculty members for payments as per to the related UGC circulars and internal Senate approved guidelines.
* Review / evaluate the research report of Honors Degree dissertations with the direction and involvement of Chair / Research Council and/or few category A1 members of Research Council, and select the most impactful research for community benefit to be presented and extensively discussed at Annual Research Session (ARS) (i.e. for B1.1\_(i)).
* Review the submitted abstracts / manuscripts for ARS (i.e. for B1.1\_(ii)) with representatives (external to faculty) from Research Council.
* Provide feedback and guidance to Faculty Higher Degrees Committee on all research degrees (PhD, MPhil) conducted by the faculty.
* Develop collaborations for research cooperation, which is managed in accordance with formally stated policies and procedures of the institution.
* Facilitate Purchase research articles for researcher (20% of expenditure by researcher).
* Conduct / facilitate social events for presentations and interactions and share research success stories (Conference and informal gathering).
* Establish strategic alliances with key external public and private organizations, and conduct Honours degree research projects, thereby disseminating the findings for development and quality improvement of community.

**Committees:**

* Develop and update the webpage on research, Research Information System (RIS) and activities of the Research Council.

Chairman/Research Council

IT conversant member(s): Dr. N. Pratheesh

First nominee from faculties

* Oversee review process of Annual Research Sessions and conferences through appropriate instruments prescribed by Research Council.

**Review of Articles / Editorial Committee**

Chair / FRC - Chair

Two nominees from RC

* Evaluate the applications and regulate all research awards by Eastern University by appointing relevant subcommittees and make recommendations to Senate.

1. "*Award of Excellence in Research with regard to Regional / National significance*" (Appendix-1 of Research Policy)

Editorial Committee:

Chair / FRC - Chair

Two nominees from RC

Three senior academics with good research background nominated by the Faculty Board.

2. "*Award for Excellence in Research and Innovation for Driving Global Impact"* (Appendix-2 of Research Policy)

Chair / Research Council

1st and 2nd nominees from faculties (applicants refrain from evaluation)

3. Output based Reward Scheme

Chair / Research Council

Prof. S. Thirukkanesh

Prof. S. Sutharsan

Prof. A. Andrew

* Evaluate academics based on UGC Circular 05/2018(i):***Transparent Research Performance Scheme to Recognize Researchers in the University System*.**

Chairman / Research Council

1st and 2nd nominees from Faculties

* Promote awareness among researchers on current research issues and opportunities.

Chair/RC

1st and 2nd nominees from faculties (applicants refrain from evaluation)

* Oversee and moderate Intellectual Property (IP) policy.

Prof. A. Andrew

Prof. S. Sutharsan,

Dr. M. Koneswaran,

Dr. N. Varnakulendran

* Recommend Research Allowance Applications to Vice Chancellor for approval.

Administer through appropriate mechanisms the sharing of research equipment facilities (common lab concept) within the university.

Chairman / Research Council (until appointed Prof. Peratheepan)

Chairs of FRC who are members of RC

* Monitor through appropriate mechanisms the effectiveness of integrating Honors Degree research projects with community & environmental needs and development.

Two nominees from RC and Chair/FRC

Heads of Departments

* Represent in the editorial board (Chaired by Chair of FRC) of Annual Research Sessions conducted by the faculties and Evaluate the "*Award of Excellence in Research with regard to Regional / National significance*" (Appendix-1 in Research Policy).
* Chair / FRC - Chair
* Two nominees from RC
* Three senior academics with good research background nominated by the Faculty Board.