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CIRCULAR

This is in continuation to our Circular No. Dir/2020/3045 dt. 25/11/2020, copy enclosed for ready reference.

All technical staff/faculty and students of HQ, RCs and CRCs are hereby requested to submit their Research proposals by **1st February, 2021**. The details regarding eligibility and selection criteria is enclosed as Annexure I.


DIRECTOR

To,

1. All HODs/ADs-RCs/OICs & Director-CRCs – with a request to circulate and encourage staff to participate.
2. I/c Academic Cell – to circulate and encourage students to participate.

Student Research Award

1.0 Rationale and need

Knowledge generated through research is tried and tested so it becomes an evidence for practices. According to UNESCO (2016) research findings are essential for service development and also for application of new findings. In case of students, the advantage of research extends beyond their degree requirements. It helps them to develop critical thinking, as well as effective analytical and communication skills that are globally sought after completion of their degrees. The students undertaking Masters Degrees in Special Education or those in Audiology or Speech Language Pathology at AYJNISHD (D) have research methodology as an academic subject in their first year of the program. In their second year they usually undertake research and also have field engagements and clinical works. During this time it would be fruitful if they could be driven towards a thought process for innovations and a scientific quest for knowledge. To undertake such activities it is proposed to institute a ‘Student Research Award’ for encouraging the young professionals to ‘think out of box’ and also provide an opportunity to them as budding professionals to showcase their understanding about the steps needed to undertake a research. Hence it is proposed to institute the said award wherein the final year students of the masters programs of the HQ and its RCs could participate in a competition to bag the award.

1.1 The award: An award of Rs 25,000/- will be given via cheque or NEFT to the winner(s) from the interest generated out of the SAARM funds for the best research proposal.

1.2 Eligibility and Guidelines for awarding:

1. The research project should be independently developed in the given format by the final year Masters Students of AYJNISHD (D) HQ and Regional centers.
2. The research proposal of not more than 5000 words to be submitted electronically to the Director AYJNISHD (D) on or before the stipulated date and time.
3. Students should give an undertaking that the said proposal is their own, original and developed independently without seeking anyone’s assistance.
4. The proposal should be in any one of the focus areas in Special Education, Audiology, Speech or technological development or use.

5. The proposal could be authored by one or a maximum of 3 students who would jointly develop and submit. In case of joint submission the award amount will be equally distributed among the students.
6. Students should independently submit a plagiarism report. Only the ones with less than 20 % plagiarism will be considered for awarding.

1.3 Format of research proposal

- Title of the proposed research
- Introduction to the topic
- Rationale and Need of the proposed research
- 5 most pertinent review of literature based on which a Theoretical framework and Conceptual map be prepared.
- Variables of study (if applicable)
- Methodology of research (type of research, tools of data collection, sample, steps of data collection,
- Proposed Analysis
- Way forward (What do researcher(s) intend(s) to do after the completion of the proposed research
- References in APA style

1.4 Selection and awarding criteria

Table 1: Format for evaluation of research proposals

Sr. No.	Parameters	Marks allocated out of 100	Remarks if any
1	Importance and rationale of the research topic		
2	Precision of the research variables		
3	Accuracy of the research steps		
4	Outcomes and impact factor of the research		
Total marks obtained (calculate average)			

1.5 Procedure for short listing

- ✚ The Masters students from Special Education and Audiology and Speech may be informed via circular and website about the details of the submission of research proposal.
- ✚ The proposal may be blind folded and given to 6 experts; 2 each from Special Education, Speech and Hearing and 2 experts in Research along with the format of evaluation attached to each proposal.
- ✚ The marks allocated by the experts to be submitted to the Director AYJNISHD(D) in a sealed envelope.
- ✚ Director AYJNISHD (D) to form a 3 member result compilation committee one each from Special Education and Audiology and Speech and one member other than these.
- ✚ The members of the result compilation committee should check the marks allocated and enter into the consolidated mark sheet. In case of a tie the award may be split.
- ✚ The said committee will prepare the minutes and declare the selected proposal. All the proposal and the consolidated mark sheet without disclosure of the expert evaluators names should be placed on the website for information.
- ✚ The winner(s) to make a presentation of the proposed research to the staff and students physically or virtually.

Technical Staff Research Award

1.0 Rationale and need

In an effort to have accountability and improve service delivery in clinical and interventional strategies evidenced based practices are needed. AYJNISHD(D) in its MOA has directives to undertake research for the betterment of services and for up gradation aids and appliances. It is also suggestive of developing prototypes and innovation. The technical staff of Special Education and Audiology or Speech Language Pathology, Psychology or allied fields linked to AYJNISHD(D), its Regional Centres and CRCs, have to be encouraged to have out-of box thinking for undertaking research projects which will help the institute in its endeavor of betterment of services and other interventional or outreach practices. To facilitate this it is proposed to institute a 'Technical staff Research Award' for encouraging the technical staff to undertake research.

1.1 The award: An award of Rs 25,000/- will be given via cheque or NEFT to the winner(s) from the interest generated out of the SAARM funds for the best research proposal.

1.2 Eligibility and Guidelines for awarding:

- The research project should be independently developed in the given format by the technical staff in Special Education or Audiology & Speech, Psychology or allied fields linked to AYJNISHD, its Regional centers and CRCs.
- The research proposal of not more than 7500 words to be submitted electronically to the Director AYJNISHD (D) on or before the stipulated date and time by mentioning name and details of phone number and email.
- Technical staff should give an undertaking that the said proposal is their own, original and developed independently without seeking anyone's assistance.
- The proposal should be in any one of the focus areas in Special Education, Audiology, Psychology, Speech, Technology, Out-reach, or allied areas..
- The proposal could be authored by only one or jointly submitted by two technical staff members. In case of joint submission, the award amount will be equally distributed among the two technical staff members.

- Technical staff should independently submit a plagiarism report. Only the ones with less than 10 % plagiarism will be considered for awarding.

1.3 Format of research proposal

- Title of the proposed research
- Introduction to the topic
- Rationale and Need of the proposed research
- 10 most pertinent review of literature based on which a Theoretical framework and Conceptual map be prepared.
- Variables of study (if applicable)
- Delimitations of the study
- Methodology of research (type of research, tools of data collection, sample, steps of data collection)
- Proposed Analysis
- Time lines for project
- Way forward (What do researcher(s) intend(s) to do after the completion of the proposed research)
- References in APA style

1.4 Selection and awarding criteria

Table 1: Format for evaluation of research proposals

Sr. No.	Parameters	Marks allocated out of 100	Remarks if any
1	Importance and rationale of the research topic		
2	Precision of the research variables		
3	Accuracy of the research steps		
4	Outcomes and impact factor of the research		
Total marks obtained (calculate average)			

1.5 Procedure for short listing

- ✚ AYJNISHD will inform via circular and website about the details of the submission of research proposal.
 - ✚ The Director shall constitute a Selection Committee headed by a convener comprising of 6 experts; each from Special Education, Speech and Hearing and 2 experts in Research and 2 from allied fields along with the format of evaluation attached to each proposal.
 - ✚ The Director, AYJNISHD shall constitute a Screening Committee and the Screening Committee shall blind fold the proposals and forward it to the selection committee.
 - ✚ The selection committee members shall go through the received proposal by the due date and allot marks and submit it to the Director AYJNISHD (D) in a sealed envelope.
 - ✚ In case of a tie the convener can prepare a tie breaker with the consent of members.
 - ✚ The screening committee will put up the minutes and declare the awardees(s).
 - ✚ All the proposals and the consolidated mark sheet without disclosure of the selection committee's names should be placed on the website for information.
 - ✚ The winner(s) to make a presentation of the proposed research to the staff and students physically or virtually.
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