

# RESEARCH COUNCIL



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The research activities of Ramaiah College of Law is overseen by the Research Council. The Research Council at Ramaiah College of Law has been constituted to oversee the research activities of various research centers at Ramaiah College of Law and is also dedicated to foster quality legal research as well as promote the culture of innovative growth within the institution. The Council is entrusted with the responsibility to oversee the research activities of the various research centers, assist faculties in charge of the research centers (who are also the members of the Council) to draft grant proposal for various short-term and long-term project and in general, oversee the research quality of faculty publications. It plays a pivotal role in encouraging the faculty members to submit research proposal for grants for major as well as minor projects involving them as the Principal Investigators and Co-investigators of the projects and also involving students of the research centers as research assistants in the project, thereby promoting the culture of legal research in Ramaiah College of Law, besides conducting outreach programme.

**Composition:**

Dr. Ashirbani Dutta (Research Council Chairperson)

1. Justice E.S. Venkataramaiah Global Skills Academy – headed by Shri Shiva Prasad
2. Ramaiah Centre for Intellectual Property Rights (RCIPR) – headed by Ms. Sangeeta Murali
3. Centre for Women and Child Welfare Policy (CWCWP) – headed by DR. Anita Patil
4. Centre for Alternate Dispute Resolution (CADR) – headed by Ms. Poornavi Ravindra
5. The APD-RCL Centre for Disability Law and Policy (CDLP) – headed by Mr. Badal Chatterjee
6. Consulex – headed by Ms. Gnanavi Bopaiah

**Scope:**

The Research Council at the Ramaiah College of Law is tasked with ensuring that the faculty members adapt the culture of legal research, publication and grant writing, to foster the highest standards of legal research, education and policy at the institute. Its scope also encompasses to assist the students to publish at an early career level, conduct seminars, conferences and



workshops on research methodologies for faculties as well as students and foster a robust research culture and encourage joint publication of research papers of faculties and students and facilitate participation in research projects by faculties assisted with students. The Research Council is also entrusted to trigger research interests among students at the undergraduate level by encouraging their involvement and publication in Student Magazine, Legalia. Along with the Journal and Newsletter Committee (JNC), the Research Council is entrusted to train the students in academic writing at an early career level. Finally, members of Research Council, particularly the heads of different Research Centers, are required to collaborate with researchers from different disciplines from the sister institutes like MSRIT, RUAS, as well as collaborate with institutions abroad to instill the culture of inter-disciplinary research in Ramaiah.

## Research Council Policy Statement

**1. Preamble** The Research Council is the primary governing body dedicated to fostering a vibrant, rigorous, and innovative research ecosystem within the institute. We are committed to advancing academic excellence by supporting inquiry, facilitating high-quality scholarly output, and securing the resources necessary to drive impactful research across all disciplines.

### 2. Vision and Mission

- **Vision:** To establish the institute as a premier hub for academic research, characterized by intellectual rigor, ethical practices, and significant contributions to the broader academic community and society.
- **Mission:** To systematically promote an interdisciplinary research culture, provide robust support systems for students and faculty, ensure the highest standards of academic publication, and target research grants for funding our specialized research centres.

### 3. Core Objectives and Mandates

#### 3.1. Promoting a Thriving Academic Research Culture



The Council is responsible for instilling and nurturing a strong research orientation across the institute.

- Organizing regular workshops, seminars, and training sessions on research methodologies, academic writing, and ethics.
- Encouraging collaborative, cross-disciplinary research initiatives among faculty members and students.
- Recognizing and rewarding outstanding research achievements to motivate ongoing academic inquiry.

### **3.2. Facilitating Faculty and Student Publications**

The Council acts as a catalyst for scholarly dissemination, ensuring that research findings reach appropriate academic audiences.

- Providing mentorship and editorial support for manuscript preparation and submission.
- Encouraging co-authorship and collaborative projects between faculty and students to build the next generation of researchers.
- Assisting in identifying appropriate, high-impact journals and conferences for the dissemination of research.

### **3.3. Assessing the Quality of Faculty Publications**

To uphold the academic integrity and reputation of the institute, the Council will rigorously evaluate faculty research outputs.

- Establishing standardized metrics for evaluating publication quality, prioritizing peer-reviewed journals indexed in recognized academic databases (such as Scopus, Web of Science, or equivalent field-specific indices).
- Conducting periodic reviews of faculty research portfolios to ensure alignment with institutional standards.
- Discouraging publications in predatory journals.

### **3.4. Grant Acquisition and Funding Management**



The Council plays a strategic role in ensuring the financial sustainability and growth of the institute's research endeavors.

- Identifying, tracking, and disseminating information regarding funding opportunities from governmental, non-governmental, and private funding agencies.
- Providing dedicated support to faculty and research teams in drafting, reviewing, and submitting compelling grant proposals.
- Ensuring ethical, transparent, and compliant administration of all secured research funds.

### **3.5. Governance and Support of Research Centres**

The Council serves as the overarching coordinating body for the institute's **research centres**.

- Monitoring the annual progress, research output, and outreach activities conducted by each centre to assess community implications.
- Facilitating synergies and collaborative projects between the different centres to maximize resource utilization and research impact.

**4. Amendments and Review** This policy will be reviewed annually by the Research Council to ensure it remains responsive to the evolving academic landscape, funding environments, and institutional goals.

