

BY-LAWS FOR POSTGRADUATE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

1. Preamble

These by-laws are formulated to recognize and reward academic excellence among postgraduate (PG) students of the University. These awards aim to encourage meritorious students and support their pursuit of higher education.

2. Objectives

- a) To honor top-performing students in each postgraduate department.
- b) To promote academic excellence and motivate students towards higher achievements.
- c) To support outstanding students financially in their pursuit of further studies.

3. Scope

These by-laws apply to all postgraduate departments and students enrolled in the two-year (four-semester) PG programs of the University.

4. Nature of Awards

- a) Departmental Awards:
 - i) First Topper in each PG department shall receive a cash award of Rs. 5,000/-.
 - ii) Second Topper in each PG department shall receive a cash award of Rs. 3,500/-.
- b) University-Level Award:
 - i) The Overall Topper across all departments (based on cumulative marks in all four semesters) shall receive:
 - A cash prize of Rs. 5,000/-.
 - A tuition fee waiver for one academic year if the student pursues higher education in any recognized institution in India.

5. Eligibility Criteria

- a) The student must be a regular and bonafide student of the University.
- b) The student must have cleared all four semesters of the PG program in the first attempt.
- c) There must be no disciplinary action or academic misconduct recorded against the student.
- d) For the Overall Topper Award, the student must enroll in a recognized higher education program in India within one year of completing the PG program.
- e) In case of a tie, the student with better attendance and/or co-curricular contributions may be considered by the Awards Committee.

6. Award Committee

- a) The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a PG Academic Awards Committee comprising:
 - i) Dean of Postgraduate Studies (Chairperson)
 - ii) Controller of Examinations
 - iii) Two Senior Faculty Members nominated by the Vice-Chancellor
 - iv) Registrar (Member Secretary)
- b) The Committee shall verify data, resolve ties, and approve the final list of awardees.

7. Disbursement of Awards

- a) Awards shall be distributed during the University's Annual Convocation or another appropriate ceremony.
- b) The tuition fee waiver shall be reimbursed upon submission of proof of admission and tuition fee receipt to the University Registrar.

8. Amendments

These by-laws may be amended from time to time by the Academic Council of the University upon recommendation by the PG Academic Awards Committee.