Call for Research Proposals

About Gargi - Centre for Holistic Development of Women

The vision of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ami Upadhyay to work for the betterment of women has resulted in the establishment of 'Gargi - Centre for the Holistic Development of Women' at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University. It was inaugurated on 13th January 2021 by Hon'ble Minister of State, Smt. Vibhavariben Dave and Hon'ble Social Activist, Smt. Anjaliben Rupaniji; in the flagship role of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ami Upadhyay.

'Gargi - Centre for the Holistic Development of Women' works for all-comprehensive development and empowerment of women focusing on women's education, employment, extension and excellence. Here, women from different stratas of the society will be enrolled to begin their journey towards success. Girls and women of all ages, with different social and economic background such as rural and urban women, tribal, widows, physically challenged, transgender and sex-workers will engage themselves with the center and witness a positive transformation in their lives.

Instructions/ Submission guidelines for the research proposals:

1. The Call for Research Proposals is only for **female candidates**.
2. The minimum eligibility for applying is **Masters Degree** in any discipline from a recognized university.
3. The duration of research is **6 (Six) months** from the date of the approval by the scrutiny and selection committee.
4. The research proposals approved by the scrutiny and selection committee will get funding of INR **25,000** (Twenty-Five Thousand) all inclusive.
5. Research proposals concerning **"Women"** in the following broad themes are invited. The title of the research proposals should be connected to the thrust areas concerning **"Women"**
   a) Higher Education
   b) Open Distance Learning
   c) Literature
   d) Arts
   e) Culture
   f) Health
   g) Gender Studies
   h) Sustainable Development Goals
   i) Globalization
   j) Employment in Organized and Unorganized Sector
   k) Défense

    l)   Entrepreneurship

    m) Government policies

    n)   Democracy, Politics and Governance

    o)   Other relevant areas/themes

6. The following elements are important to include:
    a) Research topic
    b) Background and context of the study
    c) Objective of the proposed study
    d) Literature review
    e) Methodology
    f) Expected outcomes
    g) Proposed timeline/milestones
    h) Resources needed and available
    i) Select bibliography or references (MLA 8th Edition / APA 7th Edition)

7. Minimum word limit for the research proposal is 1000 words and maximum 1500 words.

8. Authors are requested to follow MLA 8th Edition / APA 7th Edition referencing style.

9. Proposals are accepted in English, Gujarati, Hindi and Sanskrit.

10. All the proposals will be reviewed by the Scrutiny and Selection committee.

11. Decision of the Scrutiny and Selection committee will be final.

12. Each research proposal as well as the final research report will be mandatorily put through a plagiarism check on anti-plagiarism software by the University. Any proposal or final report scoring 10 (ten) percent plagiarism count will be disqualified or rejected.

13. Research proposals submitted under this scheme to the University should not have been submitted or published elsewhere. Concurrent submissions to other publications or journals is viewed as serious breach and will result into disqualification/rejection.

14. The authors are solely responsible for any legal matter resulting out of violation of Copyright act.

15. The authors are solely responsible for obtaining copyright and other clearences (if any) prior to submitting the research proposal as well as final report.

16. **Points to be consider while formatting the proposal:**

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IV.	English Language	Time New Roman Font
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VIII.	Headings	Bold, Size-14 points, Title case
IX.	Sub-Headings	12 points, Bold
X.	Body-text (paragraphs)	12 points, Justified

17. Last Date for Submission of Research Proposal: 28th July 2021

18. For any questions/query please contact- : gargi.research@baou.edu.in