



Velammal College of Engineering & Technology

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Research Policy

Velammal College of Engineering and Technology (VCET), Madurai is committed to create a supportive and innovative environment for its faculty and students, wherein research and innovation will flourish. VCET emphasizes research ethics and integrity along with the responsible conduct of research and protection of intellectual property rights. The researcher will abide by the VCET Research policy and are also responsible to adhere to the research practices prescribed by UGC and Anna University, Chennai.

Vision

- ❑ To develop a sustainable **research culture** for the benefit of the society

Mission

- ❖ To develop **innovative solutions** to help the society
- ❖ To **continuously engage** with stakeholders to implement such solutions
- ❖ To **establish centers of excellence** in applied and innovative research in the respective field

1. Academic Research

1.1 Norms for Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and Master of Science (M.S.) by research.

- (i) Admission and other requirements for carryout the research as prescribed by the Anna University, Chennai/University in which registered for Ph.D.
- (ii) Faculty should complete one year of service at VCET before enrolling for the Ph.D. under part time.
- (iii) Faculty after the award of Ph.D., shall get the supervisor recognition from the Anna University within 2 years. Number of scholars guided by the supervisor, can be limited by VCET based on the availability of the infrastructure facility.
- (iv) External faculty shall register for their Ph.D. under the supervision of VCET faculty after getting due approval from the Principal, VCET.
- (v) Full time PhD scholars shall assist the supervisor/department in research and development activities.



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1.2 Norms for Master of Engineering (M.E./M.Tech) and Bachelor of Engineering (B.E./B.Tech)

- (i) As prescribed by the VCET (R 2021) or Anna University Regulations.
- (ii) Candidates shall be encouraged to carry out interdisciplinary research projects as per the guidelines provided in the [VCET R-2021 regulations \(12.4\)](#)
- (iii) Candidate shall publish their research articles in reputed peer reviewed journals/conferences after obtaining formal permission from the faculty guide.
- (iv) Candidates shall be motivated to translate their research products into marketable products following [VCET Innovation and Startup Policy](#).

2. Plagiarism Check

- (i) All the Anna University recognized supervisors shall access to the Plagiarism check software provided by Anna University, Chennai and permit their scholars to publish it in the journals/conferences.
- (ii) All the research scholars should enclose a copy of the plagiarism check report in their thesis reports.
- (iii) Maximum of 20% similarity is allowed for Ph.D. thesis, synopsis, and M.E. thesis reports.

3. Publications

- (i) Faculty shall file/publish one patent in every two years.
- (ii) VCET shall reward the faculty members who present/publish their research articles in the SCI/Scopus/WoS indexed journals/conferences leading to the better NIRF and other ranking frameworks.
 - a) For joint publication by faculty, 0.5 credit (in the case of two authors) and 0.3 credit (in the case of three authors) shall be awarded.
- (iii) Each department shall constitute a research board as found in Figure 1 to facilitate faculty and student publications in the reputed journals/conferences.



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- (iv) Research Board is responsible for ensuring quality publications and shall recommend for the award of incentives and weightage in the Faculty Performance Appraisal System.
- (v) Research board shall prepare and update the h-index and i-10 index of the respective department in the college in the website yearly once and ensure that respective faculty's Google scholar, Scopus and Vidwan accounts updated continuously.
- (vi) Disseminate the research incentives details in the college website then and there.

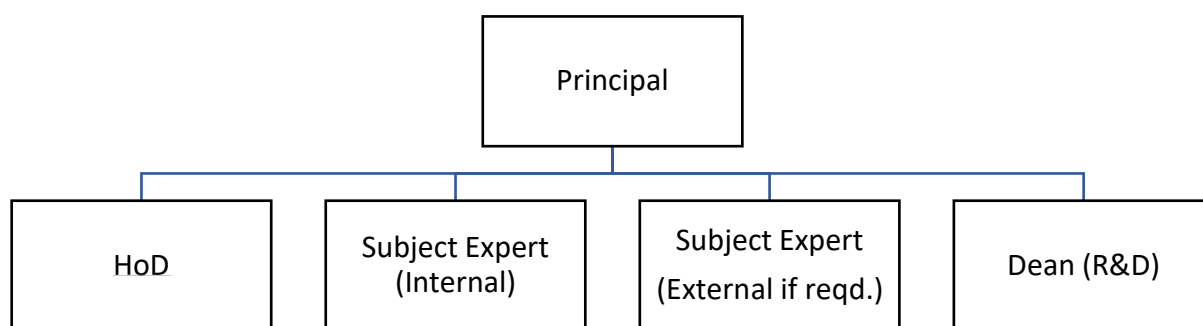


Figure 1 Research Board -Publications (Department level)

5. Guidelines for Research Publication

Research publications are important for advancing knowledge and innovation across disciplines. They allow researchers to share their findings with the global academic community, contributing to the collective understanding of complex issues. Publications validate and authenticate new discoveries through peer review, ensuring that only credible and rigorously tested research is disseminated. They also promote collaboration by creating a platform for future research and interdisciplinary work. For researchers, publishing fosters academic visibility and reputation, helping them obtain funding, career development, and recognition. Additionally, publications contribute to societal progress by translating academic insights into real-world solutions. Overall, they serve as a critical measure of academic productivity and institutional excellence.

To maintain and enhance the research excellence of the institution, the guidelines have been framed to bring out the innovations and creativity through the academic research and project work.



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Publication Requirements:

1. Professor:

- **SCI/SCIE (Science Citation Index/Expanded) Journals:** Minimum 2 publications per academic year.

(AND)

- **Scopus Indexed Articles:** Minimum 2 publications per academic year.

Professors are encouraged to publish their research papers in leading refereed journals and actively participate in collaborative and interdisciplinary research.

2. Associate Professor:

- **SCI (Science Citation Index) Journals:** Minimum 1 publication per academic year.

(AND)

- **Scopus Indexed Articles:** Minimum 2 publications per academic year.

Associate professors should focus on research that bridges theoretical and practical aspects, contributing significantly to their academic community.

3. Assistant Professor:

- **Scopus Indexed Articles:** Minimum 2 publications per academic year.

Assistant professors should aim to establish themselves in their research fields through contributions to Scopus-indexed journals.

Additional Guidelines:

- **Similarity Index:** All the research articles published by both faculty and student community should have similarity index of $\leq 10\%$ using turnitin/ithenticate plagiarism tool.
- **Indexing:** Research articles published by both faculty and student community should be indexed in either Web of Science/Scopus.
- **Quality of Publication:** In order to ensure the quality of the research publications, faculty members should focus on Q1/Q2/Q3/Q4 journals as per Scimago.



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- **Retraction of Articles:** Violating the publication ethics/publishing fraudulent articles should be avoided. If any deviation is found, it will be viewed seriously by the institution, in order to avoid the retraction of published articles.
- **Proper Quoting of Institute Affiliation:** It should be properly entered as “Velammal College of Engineering and Technology, Madurai”.
- **Collaborative Research:** Faculty members are encouraged to engage in interdisciplinary and cross-departmental research projects to broaden the impact of their research.
- **Research Funding:** Faculty should actively seek research grants and funding opportunities from both national and international agencies to support their research activities.
- **Conference Participation:** Presenting research findings at national and international conferences is encouraged, with the goal of expanding the visibility of the faculty's research work.
- **Ethics and Integrity:** All faculty members must adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity and ethics in their research and publications, ensuring proper attribution and avoidance of any form of plagiarism.

6. Sponsored research

- (i) Faculty must submit one research proposal per year as per the [VCET–HR Policy](#), either as Principal Investigator (PI) or Co - Principal Investigator (Co-PI).
- (ii) Every faculty shall apply for the funding support from the Government/Research organizations' call for research proposals and carry out sponsored/collaborative research.

For AP - Either PI or Co – PI.

For Asso. Prof. - As Principal Investigator.

For Professor - As Principal Investigator.
- (iii) Each department shall constitute a research board as found in figure 2 to facilitate faculty towards submission of winnable project proposals to the Government/Research Institutions.
- (iv) Research board shall advise the faculty on the nascent fields of research to submit project proposals.



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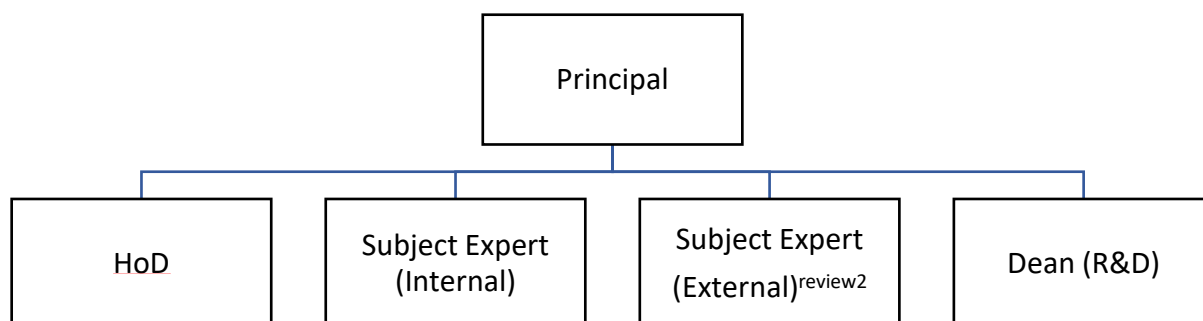


Figure 2- Research Board-Sponsored research (Department level)

- (v) PI and Co-PIs are responsible for carrying out the research as per the funding agency requirements.
- (vi) PI shall submit the project completion report as per the funding agency requirements.
- (vii) PI and Co-PIs shall publish their innovations as Patents and a final report indicating the contribution to the society should be submitted to the VCET.
- (viii) Research board shall recommend the PI and Co-PIs for incentive scheme as per the VCET-HR Policy after the successful completion of the sponsored research.

Funded Projects	1 % of the sanctioned amount	Maximum of Rs. 50,000/-	Single PI- 80% PI – 50%, Co-PI -30% Supporting Staff – 20%
Consultancy Projects	60% to the faculty 40% to the institution	Maximum of Rs. 10,000/-	
Patents (Granted)	Rs. 10,000/-	To be shared by all the faculty (VCET affiliation must be present in the patent application)	

- (ix) Research board shall be responsible for periodic updation of their R&D details in the VCET website and in NBA, NAAC, AICTE information portal.
- (x) Research board shall prepare department wise research bulletin and disseminate their research details to their stakeholders once in a year.
- (xi) Research board shall ensure that the completed funded projects are widely covered in the press, social media.



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- (xii) Research board shall encourage the PI and CoPIs to submit the completed projects for next level to the research institutions.

7. Research Program organization

- (i) Department shall organize one Internal Conference in every two years.
 - a) Key note speakers, Editorial board members and advisory board members of the conference shall be invited from leading organizations and institutions after the due approval from the Management
 - b) Organizers shall conduct the conference as per the IEEE/ASME standard and shall ensure that all the presentations are published as Scopus/WoS indexed proceedings.
 - c) Organizers shall submit seminar grant proposals for funding support from leading R&D organizations
- (ii) Department shall organize an exclusive project competition for the students and the best projects shall be ranked based on the Technology Readiness Level (TRL).
- (iii) Department shall arrange for special lectures/workshops, training programs and sensitization programs to promote quality research culture among faculty and students.
- (iv) Department shall ensure enthusiastic participation of their students in all the national and international level project competitions like Smart India Hackathon, MSME Idea Hackathon, Google coding contest, VCET - 3 Idiots, ISTE- Best Project awards, etc.

8. Collaboration and partnerships

- (i) Department shall initiate to sign Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with leading Industries/Institutions to foster research culture among the faculty and students.
- (ii) Department shall make of use of the various research facility available with VCET like MoUs signed with Industries, AICTE Idea Lab, Center for Innovation and Business Incubator (CIPD-BI), IEDC Cell, Idea Factory for their research and consultancy work.



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- (iii) Department shall look for avenue in other departments and submit multi-disciplinary project proposals to the funding agencies.
- (iv) Department faculty shall visit industries and research institutions of national repute like CSIR, CECRI, DRDO, ISRO etc. during the vacation period and update their research aptitude.
- (v) Department research board shall keep abreast of other department research activities and ensure possible mutual citations in their research publications.
- (vi) Department shall sign MoUs with foreign universities and research institutions to enable the B.E./B.Tech. and M.E./M.Tech. students to do their internship/research projects in institutions abroad.
- (vii) Department shall always look for opportunity to submit their joint research proposals in India and other countries whenever there is a call for research proposals.
 - a) Department shall plan for one international workshop/seminar every year with experts from foreign institutions.
 - b) Department shall establish good rapport with the leading foreign universities via joint publications.
 - c) As per the funding agency guidelines, India- abroad projects shall be executed after getting due permission from the Management.