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1. Introduction

The mission of the Shri Ramswaroop Memorial University (SRMU) is *"To promote learning and skills through effective Undergraduate & Postgraduate programs, teaching and research specific to changing needs of the industry and society with interdisciplinary approach, and collaborations with the national and international centers of excellence"*. It can be achieved by innovative research and generation of highly skilled human resource.

Collaborating with other higher education institutes (HEIs), National Laboratories and Industries opens the door for sharing the expertise and facilities available outside the SRMU. In view of University collaboration, the collaboration policy of the University has been laid down which consists of Academic Collaboration, Research Collaboration and Industrial Collaboration.




2. Establishment of Collaboration Cell

To implement the process of collaboration, establishment of Academic Collaboration Cell, Research Collaboration Cell and Industrial Collaboration Cell shall be done. All these Collaboration Cells shall work under the Office of Director, Research & Consultancy (R&C). To realize and explore international opportunities of partnerships with Institutions/Universities /Laboratories, a separate International Relations Office (IRO) shall be established. The IRO shall also provide support in matters related to international scholarships, events organization, and exchange programmes.

2.1 Academic Collaboration Cell

The Academic Collaboration Cell at the University shall work to develop the position of the University as an internationally recognized by providing its students, researchers, and external partners with excellent opportunities for sharing the available facilities and expertise. The Academic collaboration between Universities/Institutes shall work to achieve following objectives:

- i. Explore possibilities of joint twinning programmes in interdisciplinary areas of specialization of high relevance to both institutions
- ii. Promote appropriate joint courses of study, with particular emphasis on internationally funded projects
- iii. Endeavour to encourage students and staff to spend periods of time in the host University. Drafting MoU for Student Exchange and Faculty Exchange programmes.
- iv. Conduction of short courses, as mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity

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- v. Conduction of cultural projects, as mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity.
- vi. Conduction of study tours, as mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity. For this, two faculties having good spoken English would be required. One of them must be female in order to take care of female students.

2.2 Research Collaboration Cell




International/National Research Collaboration which shall be useful to keep abreast of latest updates in research, technology, theories and practices, and to share expertise and resources. To strengthen the research in the SRMU, the Research Collaboration Cell shall work for following objectives:

- i. Explore possibilities of joint research activities such as usage of research facilities, training of faculty member under exchange program with national and international institutes in interdisciplinary areas of specialization of high relevance to both institutions.
- ii. Promotion and realization of joint research projects with particular emphasis on internationally funding.
- iii. Exploration of possibilities of Sandwich Ph.D. program with institutes of national and international repute.
- iv. Joint conduction of summer school, workshop etc. in the upcoming area of research.

2.3 Industrial Collaboration Cell

SRMU shall take integrated initiatives towards knowledge acquisition and up-gradation of skilled human competencies in universities to address the emerging needs of the economy so as to ensure that the University graduates have adequate knowledge and skills to get suitably employed or become entrepreneurs and thereby meet the economic and industrial needs at the regional and national levels. It can be achieved by exploring and realizing suitable collaborative arrangements between the University and industries. There should be mutuality and sharing of knowledge and ideas between the two inter-dependent bodies. The Industrial Collaboration Cell shall work to achieve following objectives:

- i. Identify the expertise available in the university which can be of use for the industries in the region in the form of consultancy services, evaluation of R&D activities of the industry etc.
- ii. Seek inputs of the industries to improve/ redesign the curriculum periodically in tune with their requirements
- iii. Help create skilled manpower for industry requirements at various levels.
- iv. Conduct Management Development Programs (MDPs), Entrepreneurship Development Programs (EDPs) etc.
- v. Initiate schemes for student/ teacher training, joint research with industry.

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- vi. Undertake R&D in the areas related to skill education and development, entrepreneurship, employability, labour market trends etc. at the post-graduate and research levels.
- vii. Maintain 'Labour Market Information' for the region in coordination with government agencies and industry associations
- viii. Help set up Science and Technology Entrepreneur' Park (STEPs), Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) etc.
- ix. Work for coordination between the University and industry/industries in the neighbourhood to develop a centre for excellence for skill development in specified areas.

3. Procedure of Collaboration

Any type of collaboration between University and other HEI's/Laboratories/Industries shall be initiated and realized under following norms and conditions:

- a) Prior to a faculty member participating in such an international collaborative relationship, a written agreement must set forth the expectations of (1) SRMU and its concerned Institute, (2) the external institutional partner, (3) as well as the expected benefits. The agreement must reflect a negotiated understanding among them and be signed by the Vice Chancellor, Director-R&C & Director of the concerned Institute of SRMU, and the official representative and other competent authorities of the collaborating institution.
- b) **Memoranda of Understanding (MoU):** Collaborative partnerships leading to the delivery of modules or programmes shall be subject to legally binding MoU between the concerned partners. The MoU shall be generated by the SRMU after the approval from the University Research Board (URB) of the SRMU. Further, the MoU shall outline the rights and responsibilities of the partners and shall detail all other such matters as are considered appropriate for the effective management of the collaborative provision in question. The nature of the formal agreement shall differ depending on the type of collaboration.
- c) Any MoU for academic purpose or non-binding MoU, agreement on behalf of the SRMU or any of its constituent Institutions to enter into a collaborative arrangement may only be undertaken by the Head of the Academic Collaboration cell with a formal approval by the Vice Chancellor of the University. Memoranda of Understanding shall be time-limited and subject to review after a specified period.
- d) Any International Exchange means a written agreement between SRMU and a foreign university, government, or non-profit institution that entails a commitment of one or more University Resources for academic and research purposes, and has been approved by the Vice Chancellor.

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