

DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAYA GORAKHPUR UNIVERSITY, GORAKHPUR

University Research Excellence Awards (UREA)

*(Promoting Excellence through Platinum, Diamond, Gold, Silver Awards and Bronze Awards)
(1st Jan 2025 to 30th June 2025 and 1st July 2025 to 31st Dec. 2025)*

To promote research excellence at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University (DDUGU), the University introduces the several “Research Awards” mainly related to publications. These awards are designed to recognize and incentivize faculty members and research scholars who publish in reputed international journals indexed in Scopus or Web of Science, classified by quartile rankings (Q1 to Q4). The awards are categorized into Platinum, Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze to represent different levels of achievement based on the journal’s ranking, creating a prestigious tiered system.

1. Objectives

- To encourage publication in high-impact international journals and raise the academic profile of DDUGU.
- To motivate faculty members and research scholars to contribute top-quality research.
- To foster a research-driven culture that aligns with global academic standards.

2. Eligibility (Target Audience)

- Faculty members of DDUGU.
- Research scholars (PG/Ph.D./PDFs) enrolled at DDUGU.

Eligible Publications:

Research articles/ Reviews published in Scopus or Web of Science indexed journals. The journals must be classified into quartiles based on their citation metrics for the given year.

Time Frame:

Only articles published during the previous year (Jan. to Dec.) will be considered for that year’s awards. It will be awarded twice in a year making it six-monthly (1st Jan to 30th June and 1st July to 31st Dec.) except the **Outstanding Researcher Award (which will be considered annually i.e. 1st Jan to 31st Dec.)**.

3. Award Categories and Structure

1. Platinum Award (Q1 Journals - Top 25%)

Cash price : ₹ 11000/- per publication

A letter of appreciation/ certificate of merit

Description: The highest honor, recognizing publications in the most prestigious, top-tier journals.

2. Diamond Award (Q2 Journals - Next 25%)

Cash price: ₹7000/- per publication

A letter of appreciation/ certificate of merit

Description: A prestigious award for significant contributions to high-impact journals.

3. Gold Award (Q3 Journals - Next 25%)

Cash price: ₹5000/- per publication

A letter of appreciation/ certificate of merit

Description: Recognizes quality research published in reputable international journals.

4. Silver Award (Q4 Journals - Bottom 25%)

Cash price: ₹3000/- per publication

A letter of appreciation/ certificate of merit

Description: Acknowledges research contributions in foundational journals.

5. Bronze Award (Q1-Q4 Journals)

A letter of appreciation/ certificate of merit

Description: Acknowledges the co-authored research contributions in any Q1-Q4 journals.

4. General Conditions

1. Publications (Research & Reviews):

- Research papers/ reviews must be published having DDUGU-affiliated First and/or Corresponding Authors for Platinum, Diamond, Gold, and Silver awards. Award money will be equally shared among First author(s) and Corresponding author(s).

2. Quartile Verification:

- The quartile ranking of the journal for the respective year must be verified through Scopus or Web of Science databases. Publications in predatory or non-indexed journals will be disqualified.

3. Multiple Awards:

- Faculty members and research scholars can receive awards for multiple papers published in the eligible year. However, a single paper can only qualify for one award category based on its journal ranking.

5. Application and Review Process

1. Submission Process:

- Applicants must submit:
- A copy of the published paper.
- Proof of the journal's quartile ranking and citation impact factor for the respective year.

2. Review Committee:

- A committee will evaluate applications, consisting of:
- Director, Research and Development Cell
- Two faculty members from different disciplines (*To be nominated by Vice Chancellor*).
- An external research expert (if required).

3. Decision:

- The committee will finalize awardees based on research quality, journal ranking, and academic impact.

6. Award Distribution

The awards will be presented twice each year, with recipients receiving both a certificate and the respective cash prize.

7. Additional Incentives

(A) Outstanding Researcher Award:

(Will be considered annually i.e. 1st Jan to 31st Dec.).

- Faculty member will be eligible for the said award and the criteria for the same will include
 - (i) Publications in Q1/ Q2/Q3/Q4 journals
 - (ii) Patents (published/ granted)
 - (iii) Books published
 - (iv) Projects (Ongoing/Sanctioned)

Based on the comprehensive analysis on the above-mentioned criteria, the Outstanding Researcher Award, which includes a cash prize of ₹21,000/- and a special certificate of recognition will be declared yearly.

General Conditions

1. Only DDUGU faculty members are eligible for this award. The score will be considered for a previous year.
2. The score for publication is 40, 30, 20 and 10 per paper for Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4 journals, respectively. In case of multiple authors, the score will be divided as 70% for First/Corresponding author and 30% for each co-author.
3. For patents published and granted, the score will be 30 and 50 respectively. For multiple inventors, the score will be divided equally among all.
4. The score for published authored book and edited book by International publisher (other than SAARC countries) will be 50 and 40 respectively. For authored book published by National & SAARC Countries will be 30 and regional publisher will be 10. For multiple authors, the score will be divided equally among all.

5. The score per ongoing/ sanctioned project will be calculated based on the funding amount, 100 for > 50L, 50 for <50L but > 10L and 25 for < 10L. One can claim only once for the project sanctioned/ongoing for the consideration for scoring purpose.
6. The award will be offered to the faculty member having the highest cumulative score as obtained by point 2 to 5. This cumulative score must be obtained from at least 2 criteria described above.
7. Subject to the same cumulative score, the faculty member having scores from various criteria will be preferred. If both are same, then the score obtained in research publications (**Point number 2**) will be considered for final decision.

(B) Financial Support for Patent filing (as seed money to faculty members/ registered students of DDUGU) :

As per the IPR policy of DDUGU, the complete financial support for the filing and further processing of the patents will be borne by the University, the amount spent per patent filed and processed will be considered as seed money to the concerned faculty member. A letter of appreciation/ certificate of merit will be issued.

These guidelines and the tiered awards system (Platinum, Diamond, Gold, Silver and Bronze Award) aim to drive research excellence at DDUGU, offering meaningful recognition to those contributing significantly to their fields.