RESEARCH POLICY

1. Introduction

The Research Policy Chalapathi Institute of Engineering and Technology (CIET) Guntur, is formulated to promote research, innovation, entrepreneurship and employability while ensuring that the outcomes contribute to the betterment of society and mankind. This policy establishes the framework for creating a sustainable research ecosystem that integrates academic excellence with industrial relevance, in alignment with national development goals.

2. Aim

The primary aim of this Research Policy is to:

- Cultivate and strengthen a research culture among faculty, scholars, and students.
- Enhance professional competence through impactful and ethical research.
- Realize the vision and mission of the institute by adhering to established standards, norms, and ethical practices.
- Promote collaborative research with universities, industries, R&D organizations, and government/funding agencies, both at national and international levels.
- Develop entrepreneurial skills among students, leading to knowledge-based innovations and startups.

3. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All faculty members, research scholars, and students of CIET engaged in any form of research activity.

- Sponsored, funded, and collaborative research projects, both within and outside the institution.
- Consultancy, patent filings, intellectual property management, and entrepreneurial initiatives arising from research.

4. Research Commitments of Faculty

- All faculty members are expected to actively engage in research in addition to their teaching and administrative responsibilities.
- Faculty are encouraged to seek external funding from government, industry, and international agencies.
- Faculty shall support students in building entrepreneurial skills and guide them towards establishing innovation-driven ventures.

5. Objectives

- Establish state-of-the-art research facilities and infrastructure.
- Enhance faculty research capability through active participation in quality research.
- Motivate faculty to pursue doctoral and post-doctoral research.
- Encourage publications in SCI, Scopus, WOS and other reputed indexed journals.
- Provide seed money for minor research projects and publishing patents involving faculty, staff, and students.
- Strengthen access to databases, journals, library resources, and digital repositories.
- Forge MoUs with industries, R&D organizations, and academic institutions for collaborative projects.
- Promote intellectual property creation by motivating faculty and students to apply for patents and facilitate commercialization.
- Organize conferences, seminars, workshops, invited lectures, and competitions to foster research dialogue.
- Host brainstorming sessions with eminent academicians and industry experts.
- Identify and address industry-relevant challenges through consultancy and sponsored research.
- Maintain a dedicated research fund and separate bank account to support ongoing and future projects.
- Encourage training of faculty and students towards industrial visits and field trips.

6. Rights and Responsibilities

- Faculty and scholars enjoy academic freedom in pursuing and disseminating research.
- Research findings shall not be suppressed or altered under the influence of external sponsors.
- Transparency shall be maintained with regard to funding sources and research sponsorships.
- The Institute shall recognize, support, and incentivize faculty, scholars, and students for their research contributions.
- Faculty members are encouraged to mentor junior colleagues, research scholars, and students.
- Students and faculty are encouraged to author books and book chapters.

7. Research and Innovation Funding Policy

The Institute provides structured financial support to strengthen research activities:

S.No.	Category	Funding Support
01	Ph.D. Registration Support (04 faculty members per year in BSH Department)	₹10,000/- per faculty
02	Seed Money for Minor Research Projects (equipment maintenance, publication support)	Up to ₹5,000/-
03	Travel/Registration for National & International Conferences (05 faculty members per year)	Up to ₹20,000/- (National), ₹50,000/- (International)
04	Use of Experimental Facilities at Other Institutions	Up to ₹5,000/-
05	Patent Filing & Processing Fee (05 members per year)	₹2,000/-
06	Honorarium for Research Projects	Up to ₹10,000/-
07	Publication Support in SCI/Scopus WoS Indexed Journals	Up to ₹7,500/-
08	Contract research	40% of total project cost
09	Additional Increments	For Ph.D. completion and exceptional research achievements
10	Other Provisions	OD, Sabbatical Leave, Extramural Ph.D. Support

8. Implementation and Monitoring

- A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) shall oversee the implementation of this policy.
- The progress of research activities will be reviewed annually and reported to the Governing Body.
- Periodic audits of research funds, publications, patents, and consultancy projects shall be conducted.

9. Policy Amendments

This Research Policy is a dynamic document. Policies will be subject to change, modification, or upgradation from time to time with the prior approval of Chalapathi Educational Society/University/UGC/AICTE. All such amendments shall be placed before the Academic Council and Governing Body of CIET for formal ratification and implementation.

10. Conclusion

This Research Policy provides a structured framework to promote quality research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and knowledge dissemination at Chalapathi Institute of Engineering and Technology. The policy ensures a balance between academic freedom, ethical conduct, and institutional accountability, thereby contributing to national progress and global competitiveness.