

Best Child-Centric Research Award Guidelines



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Gandhinagar**

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Introduction

Children's Research University is established with the aim of holistic child development. In 2023 Honorable Government gave special privilege of Research University to the University. In the section 5 (6 & 8) of the Children's Research University Act it is recommended to promote child-centric research. The Testing and Evaluation Department is in view of preparing a program to accelerate this work.

To promote child centric research in the Gujarat and India, The Children's Research University, Gandhinagar, introduced the **Best Child-Centric Research Award** — a prestigious recognition honoring groundbreaking research that prioritizes children's rights, well-being, education, health, development, and voices.

The purpose of the Best Child-Centric Research Award given is to recognize and encourage outstanding research that significantly contributes to the holistic child development, and well-being of children. This award aims to promote innovative, evidence-based, and impactful academic work that places children at the center of inquiry—addressing their needs, education, health, participation, and holistic development. It seeks to inspire young scholars to prioritize child-focused research and advocate for child-centric policies and practices in society

Objectives of the Award

1. Promote child-centric originality and depth research that contribute to the holistic development of children
2. Build a repository of child-centric research to serve as a reference for future scholars and institutions.
3. Inspire emerging scholars to choose child-focused research topics that address real-world challenges.
4. Recognize excellence in academic work that has a tangible impact on children's lives, communities, or educational systems.
5. Foster interdisciplinary research that integrates knowledge from fields such as education, psychology, health, social work, child development etc.
6. Bridge the gap between academia and practice by showcasing thesis work that can inform practitioners and policymakers.

Eligibility Criteria of Research Work

1. Postgraduate, M.Phil., Ph.D., awardee scholars from recognized universities/institutions of India.

2. Independent research work/project funded by any agency. Minimum fund should be 25000/- Rs.

Year of Research:

The research must have been completed between January 2001 and the last date of application.

Focus Area:

Research must be clearly child-centric in nature, i.e., related to children.

Category :

The Best Child centric research award will be provided in three main categories.

1. Best Child Centric Research Award in Social Sciences
2. Best Child Centric Research Award in Language and Linguistic (Sanskrit, Gujarati, Hindi, English)
3. Best Child Centric Research Award in Pure & Applied Science and Medical Science including Ayurveda

Application Process**Call for Applications:**

Applications will be invited from research scholars, educators, practitioners, and postgraduate/doctoral whose Research work reflects a strong commitment to child-centric research.

Documents Required:

- ✓ Soft copy (PDF) of full research work (Hard Copy would be asked by University if required)
- ✓ Abstract highlighting the finding, implication and recommendations of the work (max 500 words)
- ✓ Proof of research work completion with proof of fund sanctioned by funding agency, whenever applicable
- ✓ File name of Soft Copy : Researcher Name_Subject (i.e. Gujarati, Psychology etc..)

How to Apply:

Submit your report, research abstract, and application as instructed on the website of the University.

Evaluation Criteria for First Scrutiny

Criteria	Points
Innovation in the Work	20
Practical/Social relevance	20
Methodological Rigor	20
Total	60

Evaluation Criteria for Second Scrutiny (Presentation and Clarity): - The research work qualified in the first scrutiny will be invited to present their work. On the basis of the presentation of their work 40 points will be given.

Criteria for selection: - The criteria for selection in each stage of scrutiny will be minimum 50%. The summation of the points obtained in the both stages of evaluation will be considered for the award.

Review and Selection Process

1. Screening Committee:

Honorable Vice chancellor will form a Screening committee. The Research work submitted by the researcher to the University will be reviewed in the term of **eligibility and documentation** completeness.

2. First Scrutiny Committee:

The Honorable Vice Chancellor shall constitute an independent committee for each category of award to conduct a first scrutiny of the research work. The committee will comprise at least three experts from the relevant field. In distinct cases, the Vice Chancellor may appoint additional members with expertise in the relevant area. The committee will review the work including criteria; Innovation in the Work, Practical/ Social relevance and Methodological Rigor.

3. Second Scrutiny Committee:

The Honorable Vice Chancellor shall constitute an independent committee for each category of award to evaluate the presentation of the research work qualified in the first scrutiny. The committee will comprise at least three experts from the relevant field. In distinct cases, the Vice Chancellor may appoint additional members with expertise in the relevant area.

Note:- The person who has applied for the project, irrespective of the designation shall not be the part of the scrutiny committee.

3. Shortlisting:

Top 10 will be shortlisted; among them 3 will be awarded.

4. Presentation Round:

Candidates present their work (online or in person). The presentation will be preferably offline.

5. Final Decision:

The decision of all the above committees would be final in all respects and applicant is bound to follow all decisions.

Award Details

Award or certificate to the quality research work found suitable by panel will be given as bellow:

Number of Awards:

Three in each category

Prize: - First prize :- ₹ 15,000 Rs.

Second prize :- ₹ 10,000 Rs.

Third prize :- ₹ 5,000/- Rs.

Certificates of Merit will be awarded to the next top 25 research submissions.

Note:- The decision of the concerned panel would be final in all the respects and the applicants would be bound to follow that.

Award Ceremony:

Announced during Foundation day, 31st July every year or whenever decided.

Language:

Research report can be submitted in English or Gujarati or Hindi or Sanskrit.

Additional Notes:

1. The decision of the Hon. Vice chancellor would be final all respects and applicant is bound to follow all decisions.
2. Any dispute arising under these terms and conditions shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of Gujarat.