

RESOURCE MOBILISATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY

The University's stated objects are to advance and disseminate learning and knowledge by a diversity of means, including the use of communication technology, to provide opportunities for higher education to large segments of the population and to promote the educational well-being of the community and to encourage the Open University and Distance Education Systems in the educational system of the country. To achieve its objects, the University has developed a diverse Resource Mobilization Framework.

The following are the key constituents of the Resource Mobilization Framework of the University:

- 1. Collection of Fees:** The fee collected from the learners constitutes the major internal resource of fund mobilisation. The following fees are collected from the learners:
 - a. Programme Fee:** The programme fee collected through student registration in all the programmes and re-registration to second/ third year of PG and UG level programmes is the principal source of resource mobilisation of the University. The programme fee includes the cost of the Self Learning Material (SLM), Academic Counselling, Assignment Handling, Student Grade Card and Migration Certificate etc. Besides, through differential fee structure to the international students, the fee is collected in the International currency (i.e. US Dollars). The University has deployed electronic payment gateway system for collecting the fee in the digital form.
 - b. Examination fee:** Examination fee is collected for term end examination conducted twice a year, in June and December, from all the eligible learners through online payment gateway system, embedded in the online examination form system. Currently, examination fee of Rs. 150/- per course per student is applicable with a provision of additional late fee as per schedule of dates for online filling of examination forms announced by the University.
 - c. Fee for Re-evaluation of Answer scripts:** When the learner applies for re-evaluation of answer scripts a separate fee is charged per course.

- d. **Fee for Change of Programme/ Medium/ Elective/ Credit Transfer:** The University has made a provision of separate fee for change from one programme to another programme, courses / electives within the programme, medium of the programme (if the programme is available in more than one medium) and credit transfer for earlier completed courses of any programme.
- e. **Convocation Registration Fee:** A requisite fee is applicable for registration in the Convocation and award of Degree/ Diploma/Certificate after successful completion of the programme and eligibility for the respective Convocation.
- f. **Official Transcript Fee:** A separate fee is applicable for issuing the official transcript on receipt of such requests/ application by the learner through the concerned educational institution/ employment organization etc.

Besides, the University follows a Fee Rationalization Policy under which periodic review of the different components of the fee and revision in the fee (increase / decrease) takes place for implementation after ratification from the Statutory bodies of the University.

Fee Rationalization Strategies:

The University periodically constitutes a Committee under the Chairmanship of PVC/ Director of the School of the Studies/ Senior Professor of the University and members from the Schools and Divisions of the University including Regional Directors posted at the Regional Centres for rationalization of the prevailing fee structure. The Committee identifies the rationale for a revision in the fee and recommends rationalization (increase/ decrease/ no change (status quo) in the programme fee of the academic programmes; besides change in other components of fee depending upon the operational requirements of the University. The report of the Committee, after seeking approval of the Competent Authority, is presented before the Statutory bodies of the University (Academic Council/ Board of Management) for ratification before implementation.

A statement of fee received by the University is given in the Annual Reports of the University available at: <http://www.ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/division/pdd/annual%20report>

2. **Training and Capacity building:**

Based on the proposal by Commonwealth of Learning (COL), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, the University established the Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education (STRIDE) in 1993 with the aim of setting up a training and research institute for distance education in the South Asian Region. The STRIDE designs and delivers different training and capacity building programmes primarily for the ODL functionaries besides organizing Faculty Development Programmes, Refresher Courses and Orientation Programmes as mandated by the University Grants Commission. The STRIDE is also involved in consultancy services for the institutions of higher learning in all the domain areas of Open and Distance Learning (ODL). The professional fee charged by the STRIDE for all such activities accounts for resource mobilization for the University. The list of training and capacity building programmes conducted by STRIDE is available at: <http://www.ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/icc/stride/training>

3. **Collaborative Projects with Central Government and State Governments:**

The University through MoA/MoC/MoU with Ministries / Departments of the Government of India and State Government has developed tailor made academic programmes at different levels to fulfill the educational and training/ skill needs of the target population. The notable collaborative educational / training projects under these categories have been developed through financial assistance from NCHMCT, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of J&K, Tripura, Chattishgargh, Jharkhand etc. Besides faculty members and academic fraternity of the University are also contributing towards individual projects from different Ministries / Departments of the Government of India and other autonomous institutions. A list of funding agencies for collaborative projects undertaken by the University is available at:

<http://ignou.ac.in/userfiles/Links%20of%20funding%20agency.pdf>

4. **Sharing of IGNOU Self Learning Materials (SLM):**

The Planning and Development Division (P&DD) of the University has the mandate for developing the procedure for sharing of IGNOU's Self Learning Materials (SLM) with State

Open Universities (SOUs) and Dual Mode Institutions. The division is the nodal agency for processing of MOUs and MOCs for sharing of IGNOU's study materials. Many SOUs and dual mode Universities have benefited by sharing of the SLM of the University. Besides, the SLM are also available for bulk purchase for Higher Education Institutions at market rate as per IPR policy of the University. The funds collected through sharing and bulk purchase of SLM contribute towards resource mobilization of the University. A list of SOUs having benefitted from the sharing of SLM is available at:

<http://www.ignou.ac.in/ignou/aboutignou/division/ad/MoUs>