

**IGNOU
Research Unit**

**Procedure for implementation / conduct of two credit course
on “Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)”**

1. The Two credit course on RPE is compulsory for all the Research Scholars.
2. The 2 credit course on RPE will be exclusive of existing 16 credit course works.
3. The 2 credit course work shall comprise both formative (Assignments) and summative assessments (TEE).
4. Continuous Assessment will be through two assignments (Assignment I and Assignment II) comprising assignment / Group Discussions / Practical).
5. The Evaluation methodology for 2 credit course on RPE will be in line with that of the 16 credit coursework being followed in Research Programme.
6. The course will be conducted through workshop mode.
7. For the implementation of 2 credit coursework, a fee of Rs.1050/- (proportionate to the total fee charged for course work) will be charged on each Research scholar of a particular session.
8. The Discipline of Library and Information Sciences will be the nodal discipline for coordinating the academic part of the course since a large part of the course pertains to Library and Information Sciences. It will be assisted by the School of Computer Science, School of Sciences, School of Social Sciences and School of Health Sciences as per requirement.
9. There will be two coordinators for the said course and workshop, one from the Discipline of Library and Information Sciences and the other from the Research Unit.
10. The Research Unit will coordinate all the operational matters related to the course and the workshop.



11. The workshop may be conducted in three/four batches depending upon the total number of students finally admitted.
12. Grouping of scholars to form a batch will be done discipline wise.
13. One Group will consist of 35-40 students for smooth conduct of the workshop and to facilitate hands on practices, training and demonstrations.
14. Every year the workshop will be conducted in the month of September, for the two credit course.
15. **For the research scholars of 2020, the workshop will be held in the month of April 2021.**
16. Attendance in the workshop is mandatory.
17. A panel of resource persons representing all the Schools / Disciplines will be prepared. (All the Schools have been requested to forward the names of the faculty members interested to take classes on RPE).
18. The Panel so created shall be submitted for the approval of the Competent Authority.
19. Question bank will be prepared in advance (at least 5 questions from each resource person) for the purpose of holding quiz as a part of Assignment (Continuous assessment).
20. The Resource persons will be requested to prepare PPTs on the concerned area of their interest pertaining to the course which will be shared with Research Scholars as academic input.
21. The Video recording of the sessions will be done for all the sessions during the first batch with the help of EMPC or COE which will be shared with the subsequent batches.
22. Marks of Assignments pertaining to the two credit course shall be submitted by the Discipline of Library & Information Sciences to Research Unit to be compiled and submitted to SED.
23. The Schedule of Workshop shall be notified in due course.
24. Expenses on refreshment during workshop shall be borne by the Research Unit.

