

Subject: GNLU Scholarship for students' Participation in National/International Conferences/Workshops/Competition

1.0. Purpose

GNLU of students national/international encourages participation in conferences/workshops/competition (other than moot court competitions) (a) to enhance their writing and oratory skills and abilities, (b) provide national/international platform for knowledge sharing, (c) and exchange and contribute to the realization of the GNLU aims at various forums. Students who attend such events participate in various working sessions and networking events, interact with leading national and international scholars, practitioners, and meet like-minded students from around the country or the world. With a view to assist students who may be otherwise due to financial hardships are unable to participate in such events, the GNLU offers scholarships every year from the GNLU budget. The amount of allocated funds for this purpose may vary from year to year as approved by the Executive Council. Unless otherwise mentioned, the year shall be considered as an academic year.

2.0. Eligibility:

- 2.1. Only full-time enrolled students in undergraduate or post-graduate degree courses;
- 2.2. A student can claim scholarship for participation in one event only per academic year and not exceeding maximum two events per the entire degree course for undergraduate and one event per the entire degree for post-graduate degree course;
- 2.3. A minimum of 90% class attendance in the previous academic year is essential;
- 2.4. The amount of and preference for scholarship will depend upon the number of fulltime academic studies undertaken by the applicant at the GNLU; and
- 2.5. Participation in the events organized by non-academic and non-research institutions is not eligible for funding.

3.0. Terms and conditions:

- 3.1. Applicant shall submit an abstract or full research paper/report to the Scholarship & Awards Committee (SAC). Abstract of the research paper/report shall be around 500-700 words, excluding footnotes, etc.
- 3.2. The abstract content should have clear linkages to the academic curriculum of the University and should be result-oriented, lessons learned, based on application or sharing of knowledge.
- **3.3.** SAC shall evaluate the application and if required, call for personal interview, for making recommendation to the Director.
- 3.4. Academic and co-curricular relevance of the conference/workshop/competition, track-record of earlier conferences on similar theme, financial need, quality of the paper, variety of themes of personal works, academic records, participation in extra-

curricular activities and any other criteria deem appropriate by the SAC shall be considered in formulating the recommendation. The decision of the Director shall be final.

- **3.5.** If applicant receives any subsidy/scholarship from any external source, he/she shall inform to the Committee before/after the event is completed, as appropriate.
- **3.6.** No student will be reimbursed more than Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) for each participation.
- 3.7. **Procedure:** Applicant seeking scholarship shall submit his/her application at least 30 days in advance of the event. The Committee shall submit its recommendation to the Director within 5 working days of the receipt of the application. The Director shall inform the decision to the concerned applicants and copy to the Committee, within 5 days, of the receipt of the recommendation.
- 3.8. Recipient of the scholarship shall submit the post-event report within 15 working days of the event to the Committee. Failure to fulfil this requirement shall automatically result in cancellation of the scholarship which will be deducted from the security deposit and/or charged against the following year tuition fees.
- 3.9. An applicant requesting scholarship for the first time shall be given priority over those who have already been awarded such scholarship(s).
- **3.10.** Students selected for oral presentations/poster presentations shall be given less priority over students seeking participation in form of research paper/report presentation.
- 3.11. Priority will be given to those applicants who have filed application on a first-cumfirst serve basis, as appropriate.

4.0. Amount of scholarship:

Total number of scholarship per academic year will depend upon the availability of funding approved by the Executive Council. Scholarship may help to defray a partial travel cost, registration fees, boarding and lodging for participation in national/international conferences, workshop, competition, etc. Any costs incurred beyond the scholarship are the responsibility of the recipients. Director shall report the amounts of scholarship given to students to the General Council during its annual meeting and shall form part of the annual report of the University.

5.0. This administrative directive is effective as of 1 October 2010.

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