



**Gujarat National Law University**  
**Administrative Directive**  
**GNLU/AD/008/10(Amendment I of GNLU AD/08/10)**

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**GNLU Gold Medal and Best Research Paper Awards – Rules and Guidelines**

## **1.0 Purpose**

Gujarat National Law University has initiated an award Program including of award of Gold Medals to the best student for overall excellence in a particular subject and the Best Research Paper Award. This Award Program aims to acknowledge, recognize and promote the academic, research and overall excellence of students in a particular subject, whose collective efforts and commitment contribute enormously to the overall aim of GNLU to emerge as a model law University in India and the world at large. GNLU students bring laurels to the University by exhibiting their knowledge, skills and abilities in every spheres of learning. They embed their mark in extracurricular, co-curricular and sports activities and programs. The achievements of students in various national and international moot court competitions and their accomplishments in the field of research and publication can enormously contribute to the overall reputation of the University.

## **2.0 Eligibility criteria:**

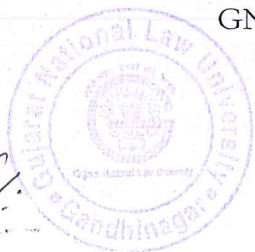
### **PART-I** **GOLD MEDALS**

#### **2.1 Selection of Student for Gold Medal to graduating student with LL.B. (Hons)/LL.M. degree/ M.B.A**

These awards are instituted and given as per the conditions given by the donor which can be an individual or an institution. Accordingly, GNLU offers following types of gold medals with definite criterion, which are as follows:

**2.1.1. Gold medal** for excellence in a particular subject based on 100% weightage of the marks achieved in a particular subject.

**2.1.2. Gold medals for outstanding performance** based on criteria of marks achieved in particular paper(s) (50% weightage), paper presentation & publication (15% weightage), achievements in moot, debate (15% weightage), and sports and extra-curricular activities (10% weightage) and additional academic-value activities (10% weightage). Achievements in additional academic-value activities means participation in seminars, conferences, summer/winter schools, diplomas or certificate courses during their respective programs at GNLU. Achievement may mean securing any category of excellent (e.g. first, second, third



position), obtaining a particular award, mention. The mode of determining this award is Weighted Average method by putting all these values in the calculation.

## **2.2. Selection Process:**

2.2.1. Marks obtained in the respective subjects as confirmed by the Examination Section

2.2.2. Curriculum Vitae submitted by potential candidates

2.2.3. Application of Weighted Average Mean method as per the formula wherever required.

## **2.3 Criteria:**

GNLU Awards, Scholarships and Exchange Committee ("the Committee") shall be responsible to recommend names of the students for the purposes of gold medal and research award in accordance with the prescribed criteria as provided in paragraph 2.1 above.

2.3.1. The Committee shall obtain the record of top five candidates, from the Examination Section, securing maximum marks in the relevant subject/batch.

2.3.2. In case if more than one student achieves equal marks in relevant subject/batch then their overall marks in 5 year integrated program shall be compared and award will be given to student having highest marks among them.

2.3.3. For the award of Gold Medal to the Best Student for Outstanding Excellence the scores shall be calculated taking the weighted average mean of Academic Score, Paper presentation and Publication, Moot Court Competitions, Sports and Extra Curricular activities, and Academic additional-value based participation.

2.3.4. In case of tie in Section 2.3.2 and 2.3.3, the student's attendance record shall be used for resolving the tie.

2.3.5. The Registrar shall communicate name of the student recommended by the Committee to the respective donor.

## **PART-II**

### **BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD**

#### **3.1 Selection of the Best Research Paper award in a particular subject for LL.B. / LL.M. / M.B.A Degree Programme**

- a) 20% weightage for competence of the subject
- b) 20% weightage for significance of the research findings
- c) 20% weightage for originality of content
- d) 15% weightage for clarity of expression
- e) 15% weightage for style of presentation
- f) 10% weightage for language and organization of the content



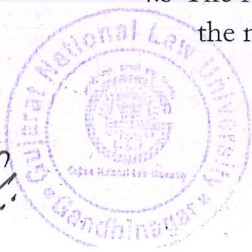
### 3.2 Criteria:

GNLU Awards, Scholarships and Exchange Committee ("the Committee") shall be responsible to recommend name(s) of the students for the purpose of Best Research Paper award in accordance with the prescribed criteria as provided in paragraph 3.1 above.

- 3.2.1. The Committee shall recommend student who is pursuing either LL.B./LL.M./Ph.D./M.B.A Degree Programme for the purpose of awarding best research paper award in a particular subject.
- 3.2.2. The Committee shall announce the nomination for the best research paper award latest by February month every year and entries shall reach the Committee by latest of May month.
- 3.2.3. Student willing to be considered for the Best Research Paper award shall submit five copies of the research paper, authentication certificate (if already published or accepted for publication, by the publisher), curriculum vitae mentioning all achievements in the particular subject.
- 3.2.4. The research papers will be called on the respective subjects for which Gold medals are offered. The prize money will be taken from 25% of endowment amount of every Gold medal.
- 3.2.5. The University will constitute panel of two external examiners on the subject concerning to evaluation of research papers. Based on evaluation by the external examiners, the Committee shall recommend the names of Awardees for the Best Research Paper Awards. The remuneration to the external examiners shall be paid as per GNLU norms from 25% of endowment amount of every subject.
- 3.2.6. The Committee shall place the recommendation of the selected awardees of the best research paper to the Director latest by July first week for his approval and communication to the Academic Council and the donor.

### 4.0 Funding

- 4.1 GNLU Gold Medal and Best Research Paper Award can be instituted by institutions or individuals upon donation of an amount equal to/or more than Rs. 3, 00,000 for five years. This amount may be revised from time to time by the University.
- 4.2 The endowment amount shall be invested in fixed deposits which earn the maximum possible interest.
- 4.3 The interest so derived shall be utilized for the award of Gold Medal and Best Research Paper in the ratio of 75:25. The Gold Medal shall be given to the graduating and post graduating students while the best research paper award shall be given to any student (LLB/LLM/MBA/PhD) who has written/ published an outstanding research paper in Indian or any foreign journals, as recognized by the UGC, in the given subject in the given year and awarded to be the best research paper in any subject.. The Gold Medal shall be awarded in the Convocation ceremony while the Best Research Paper award shall be awarded on the GNLU Foundation Day.
- 4.4 The donor can institute the Gold Medal in the name of an institute or individual.
- 4.5 The Medal and Best Research Paper Award to be awarded shall have inscription of name of the medal and recipient name.



4.6 GNLU Awards, Scholarships and Exchange Committee shall initiate the process of recommending students for Gold Medal latest by the first week of January every year and the recommendations shall be placed before the Director, GNLU for his approval and information to the Academic Council, the Executive Council and the donor.

4.7 GNLU shall inform the name of the student(s) selected for the award to the donor at least 15 days before the conferment of the medal.

4.8 In case of any difficulty in interpretation or application of the rules, the Director shall consult the Academic Council whose decision shall be binding and shall not be subject to appeal.

5.0 This administrative directive is effective from 1 January 2016.



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