



BHARATI VIDYAPEETH

(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY), PUNE (INDIA)

A+ Accreditation (CGPA 3.53 Third Cycle) by NAAC in 2017
Category-I Deemed to be University by UGC
Ranked consistently amongst the top 100 Universities by NIRF

SOP for Faculty and Student Exchange

POLICY

Bharati Vidyapeeth:

Bharati Vidyapeeth, the parent body of Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pune was established in 1964, by distinguished educationist Dr. Patangraoji Kadam, with a mission of promoting "Social Transformation Through Dynamic Education'. The institution aims to provide enhanced learning opportunities and bring about intellectual awakening of people through the spread of education that would have a positive impact on the world. Since its establishment, it has maintained the highest standards and has proliferated inventive practices in the education sector.

Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University):

Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) is one of the largest multi- faculty, multi-campus Deemed to be Universities in the country which has created a very laudable track record of academic achievements since its inception.

In 1996, 12 institutions of Bharati Vidyapeeth were accorded Deemed To Be University status in 1996 for academic excellence by the University Grants Commission (*vide its notification no. F.9-15/95-U.3 on 26th April 1996 under section 3 of UGC Act 1956*). Presently, the university is having 29 constituent colleges, along with schools, off campus departments and centres under 12 different disciplines including Modern Medicine, Dentistry, Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Nursing, Arts, Science, Commerce, Engineering, Pharmacy, Management, Social Sciences, Law, Environment Science, Architecture, Hotel Management Tourism and Catering Technology, Physical Education, Computer Science, Library Science and Information Technology etc. spanning over campuses in Pune, Navi Mumbai, Kolhapur, Solapur, Sangli, Karad and New Delhi, thus catering to the students from rural as well as urban and metro cities.

The University was accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) with the prestigious 'A' grade in 2004 and reaccredited with 'A' grade in 2011 (second cycle). Under third cycle of assessment, the university is accredited with 'A+' grade by the NAAC in 2017. The University has been graded as Category-I Deemed to be University by UGC under its Graded autonomy regulations. The University is a Member of Association of Indian Universities and also a Member of Association of Commonwealth Universities. It has been consecutively ranked within the Top 100 universities in India by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India since the beginning of NIRF.

The University puts a premium on research. It is probably the only Deemed to be University in the country having three self-financing research institutes as its constituent units viz. (i) Interactive Research School for Health Affairs (IRSHA), (ii) Research and Development Centre in Pharmaceutical Sciences & Applied Chemistry, Pune. and (iii) Yashwantrao Chavan Institute of Social Sciences Studies & Research, Pune, which are involved in advanced research in Bio Medical Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences and Social Sciences.

The university boasts of world-class infrastructure and facilities, significant achievements in research, several innovative academic programs, best teaching-learning processes and national, as well as, international collaborations. Over the years, the Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) BVDU, has attained academic excellence and offers programs in innovative and emerging areas, through its constituent colleges, schools and departments including three research institutes dedicated exclusively to research.



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Pune**

**Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) –
“Deputing Faculty and Student for Exchange Programs”**

Purpose:

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlines the procedures and guidelines for initiating, managing, and executing faculty and student exchange programs in all disciplines at Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be) University (BVDU). The objective of these programs is to enhance academic and cultural exchange, foster international collaboration, and provide valuable learning experiences for both faculty and students.

Definitions:

- a. Faculty Exchange:** The temporary placement of BVDU faculty members at partner institutions or the hosting of foreign faculty members at BVDU for teaching, research, or collaboration purposes.
- b. Student Exchange:** The exchange of students between BVDU and partner institutions, allowing students to study abroad for a specific duration.

Program Initiation:

- a.** The BVDU International Office shall identify potential partner institutions and establish agreements or Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for faculty and student exchange.
- b.** Faculty members interested in participating in exchange programs shall submit proposals to their respective departments and obtain departmental approval.

Selection Criteria for Faculty:

- a.** Faculty members must have a minimum of 10 years of teaching and research experience.
- b.** Proficiency in the English language is required for faculty participating in international exchanges.
- c.** Faculty members should have a record of academic excellence and research productivity.

Selection Criteria for Students:

- a.** Students must have completed at least 1 semesters of their program at BVDU.
- b.** A minimum cumulative GPA of [7.5] is required to be eligible for student exchange.

- c. Proficiency in the language of instruction at the host institution (if not English) may be required.

Application Process:

- a. Faculty members and students interested in exchange programs shall submit their applications to the BVDU International Office.
- b. Applications must include a statement of purpose, academic transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

Evaluation and Approval:

- a. The BVU International Office shall evaluate all applications and forward them to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor office to establish academic selection committees for review.
- b. Final selection of participants shall be based on the merit of applications and committee recommendations.

Pre-Departure Orientation:

- a. Selected faculty and students shall attend a pre-departure orientation session organized by the BVDU International Office.
- b. The orientation will cover topics such as cultural sensitivity, academic expectations, travel arrangements, and safety guidelines.

Exchange Program Execution:

- a. Faculty and students shall adhere to the academic and administrative guidelines of the host institution.
- b. Regular communication with the BVDU International Office is mandatory during the exchange period.
- c. Participants shall maintain records of their academic activities and experiences for documentation and reporting.

Program Completion:

- a. Upon return, faculty members shall submit a report summarizing their experiences and outcomes of the exchange program.
- b. Students shall provide transcripts and a comprehensive report of their academic achievements and experiences abroad.

Evaluation and Feedback:

- a. Feedback from faculty and students shall be collected and used for program improvement.

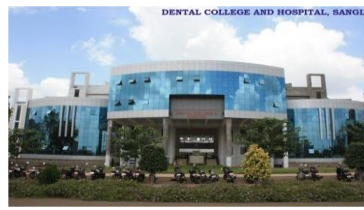
- b. Lessons learned from each exchange program shall be shared with the BVDU community.

Continual Assessment:

- a. The BVDU International Office shall periodically review and update this SOP to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.
- b. Collaboration with partner institutions shall be maintained and expanded as per the university's strategic goals.

This SOP for faculty and student exchange programs at Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be) University is designed to promote international collaboration, foster global perspectives, and provide enriching academic experiences for the BVDU community. All stakeholders are expected to adhere to these guidelines to ensure the success and sustainability of these programs.

“Social Transformation through Dynamic Education”



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