**Policy for Best Researcher Award, NIT Raipur**

NIT Raipur felicitates the Best Researcher of the Institute with an aim to recognize and motivate faculty members among their peer groups. This award will be conferred to an individual for his/her contributions to research and development in the Institution.

Award Name: NIT Raipur “Best Researcher Award”

Assessment period: 1stNovember to 31stOctober to be conferred on 1stDecember every year i.e. on Institute’s Foundation Day.

**1. Introduction**

The Best Researcher Award will be presented annually to deserving and exemplary full-time regular faculty members in recognition of his/her extraordinary contributions rendered in research and consultancy on the national and international levels. This comprises of his/her urge to be a life time learner and benefit the society with his/her knowledge and expertise. Researcher only can change the vision of peoples and research in different area could make India shine.

**2. Eligibility**

Only full-time regular faculty member with at least one year of service at NIT Raipur are eligible to apply. Faculty contributions in the following aspects, during 1stNovember to 31st October of every year, will be taken into account for evaluation. Faculty member, with the highest score in attached form will be considered for this felicitation.

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| **S. No.** | **Criterion** | **Number of Points** |
| 1 | Research Supervision | * 5 Points for every PhD Thesis awarded as a single supervisor * **3** Points for every PhD Thesis awarded as a Main supervisor with a co supervisor * 2 Points for every PhD Thesis awarded as co supervisor |
| 2 | Journal Publications (publications in SCI/SSCI/SCI-E & SCOPUS journals or Journal of repute) | * 4 point per paper for a SCI/SCI-E/SSCI journal paper with impact factor >1.5 : If first author/main supervisor * (4/ no of authors) for a SCI/SCIE/SSCI journal paper with impact factor > 1.5: If a co-author * 2 point per paper for a SCI/SCI-E/SSCI journal paper with impact factor <1.5 : If first author/main supervisor * (2/ no of authors) for a SCI/SCI-E/SSCI journal paper with impact factor < 1.5: If a coauthor * 2 point per paper for a Scopus journal paper: If first author/main supervisor * (2/ no of authors) for a Scopus journal paper: If a coauthor |
| 3 | Conference Publication/ presentation | * 1.5 point per paper for International conference paper publication or presentation: If first author/main supervisor * (1.5/ no of authors) for International conference paper publication or presentation: If a coauthor * 1 point per paper for National conference paper publication or presentation: If first author/main supervisor * (1/ no of authors) for National conference paper publication or presentation: If a coauthor |
| 4 | Externally funded Research project | * 8 point per project worth >Rs 10 lakhs as PI * 4 points per project worth <10 Lakhs as PI * 4 point per project worth >Rs 10 lakhs as Co-investigator * 2 points per project worth <Rs 10 Lakhsas Co-investigator |
| 5 | Patents awarded/Published | * 8 point per patent awarded/4 points per patent published if as first inventor * (8/number of inventors) per patent awarded/(4 points/number of inventors) per patent publishedif as second/third inventor |
| 6 | Book Publication | * International level book publications: (10 points) * National level book publications: (5 points) * Book Chapter: (2.5) |

*The data is to be filled in the accompanying excel form. Kindly share the soft copy of the filled excel form (comprising both the sheets) as well as the signed hard copy through HoD. Respective HoDs will then forward the eligible applications in both hard and soft copy to the Scrutiny committee with detailed recommendations, attached as a separate sheet for each nomination.*

**3. Terms and Conditions**

a)  Respective HoD will forward only those applications with relevant documents attached as proofs. Document with no proof will not be considered.

b)  Applicants should have good academic and professional integrity.

c)  There should be no disciplinary proceedings and no adverse remark in the ACRs  against applicant during the last 01 years.

d)  The faculty should not be involved in plagiarism or any other malpractices.

e) The faculty should apply either for Best Faculty Award or for Best Researcher Award.

f) The sanction projects/ grants for the evaluation period should be considered subject to release of at least first instalment. Seed grant project will not be considered.

g) Patents published/ granted during the evaluation period will be considered and patents with name of Institute as Assignee will only be considered.

h) The research publications (Journal/ Conference/Book/ Book Chapter) will be considered only for the evaluation period (based on the date of acceptance of the publication).

i) The repetition of the award to same research in the two consecutive years will be avoided to provide opportunity to other faculty members.

4. The application form should be submitted along with the supporting documents for the points claimed in the attached format.

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| **Application format for Best Researcher Award**  **Name of the Applicant: -**  **Name of the Department:-**  **Assessment Period: 1st Nov. \_\_\_\_\_\_ to 31st Oct. \_\_\_\_\_\_** | | | |
| **S.No.** | **Research Publications** | **Points Claimed** | **Points Verified** |
| 1 | Research Supervision |  |  |
| 2 | Journal Publications |  |  |
| 3 | Conference Publication/ Presentation |  |  |
| 4 | Externally Funded Research Project |  |  |
| 5 | Patents Awarded/published |  |  |
| 6 | Book Publication |  |  |

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| **Recommended/ Not Recommended** | | |
| **(Head of Department)** | | |