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Sub: Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research - Policy on

Scholarships, Fellowships and Free ships - orders - issued

POLICY ON SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND FREESHIPS

ORDER:

- 1. Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research (Deemed to be University) has been providing Scholarships, Fellowships and Free ships to Students, Research scholars and Faculty to encourage and motivate them to pursue Research Work, Higher Education, and to take part in activities which will further the academic and scholarly credentials of Individuals. Very often these three terms are used very loosely and interchangeably resulting in avoidable confusion amongst various stake holders. In order to bring clarity for better synergy, the distinct characteristics of these three terms are brought out in the succeeding paragraphs.
- <u>2. Scholarships</u>: Scholarships are granted only to "Students" for both merit and means to further their academic ambitions. It always means that there is a financial aid although the quantum may vary depending upon various factors. The continuation of Entry-Level scholarships, year on year, however, is subject to maintaining a healthy CGPA which are clearly laid down. In addition, special Merit scholarships are awarded based on their performance in each year.
- <u>3. Fellowships</u>: Fellowships are generally awarded to Research Scholars in their chosen field of specialisation. In UGC parlance, it is termed as HTRA (Half Time Research Allowance). In case of fellowship, though in most cases a financial aid is provided, but the term does not necessarily support a financial aid. A fellowship is a status first, and then only a financial aid. Again the quantum of fellowship depends on the field of specialisation (Engineering, Sciences, Management, Humanities etc..) in which the scholar is likely to pursue his / her research.
- <u>4. Freeships</u>: The expenditure borne by the University for students & faculty (including some non-teaching staff) in terms of airfare, rail fare, accommodation, Registration fee for participation in various Curricular, Co-curricular and Extra-curricular activities are covered under this scheme. However, the Research incentives and seed money given to faculty to pursue Research activities do not come under this scheme.
- To summarize :-
- (a) Scholarship is only meant for students to pursue their academics and the quantum may vary depending on the academic performance.
- (b) Fellowship is only meant for Research Scholars to pursue their Full-time research and the quantum depends on the field of specialisation.

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- (c) Freeship is all those expenditure incurred on students and staff for all curricular, cocurricular and extracurricular activities in order to encourage and motive them to give their best to the University.
- (d) Various Executives of the Institute are responsible to recommend / authorize / approve the above, as the case may be.

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