

ICMT

COLLOBARATIVE RESEARCH

INITIATIVE

The ICMT Collaborative Research Initiative will establish a structured platform for research mentorship, scholarly collaboration, and quality publication. The initiative will connect an experienced research mentor with a small group of committed scholars and support them through a defined research process.

Proposed Structure

The initiative will consist of:

1. One Research Mentor (from ICMT) The mentor should have a strong academic research profile, demonstrated through quality peer-reviewed publications, credible citation records, and experience in supervising or coordinating collaborative research.
2. A Maximum of Four Scholars (ICMT Members) who demonstrate research interest, commitment, academic integrity, and willingness to participate actively throughout the research process.

Objectives

The initiative will:

1. Promote collaborative and interdisciplinary research among ICMT scholars.
2. Strengthen the research capacity of participating scholars through structured mentorship.
3. Support the development of research culture with clear potential for publication in credible peer-reviewed journals.
4. Encouraging the young generation into the meaningful research
5. Improve research writing, methodology, data analysis, publication strategy, and academic networking skills.

Selection of the Research Mentor

The mentor should meet clearly defined criteria. The mentor should have minimum 10 quality peer-reviewed publications from the well established journal publishers, an

acceptable citation profile, evidence of recent research activity, experience in the proposed research area, and willingness to provide regular academic guidance. Publication numbers alone should not determine eligibility. ICMT also consider the quality of journals, citation impact, research relevance, authorship contribution, research ethics, and previous mentoring experience.

Selection of Scholars

Interested scholars from ICMT should submit a brief expression of interest through the google form indicating their research background, areas of interest, and previous research experience. ICMT members based on commitment, complementary expertise, research potential, availability, and willingness to comply with the initiative's research and publication requirements will be given priority. Especially young scholars and members interested in research work. Existing research scholars can take advisory services (as they are mentored by research supervisor of the institution).

Collaborative Research Process

After selecting the mentor and scholars, collaborative google document will be created. A virtual meet will be arranged by ICMT not more than 20 minutes. After that group will jointly identify a researchable problem, review the existing literature, establish the research gap, develop the study objectives, determine the methodology, allocate responsibilities, conduct the research, and prepare manuscripts for publication.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules shall guide all research activities conducted under the ICMT Collaborative Research Initiative. They are intended to promote research quality, accountability, fairness, ethical conduct, and effective collaboration among mentors and participating scholars.

1. Composition of the Research Team

Each research group shall consist of one approved research mentor, a maximum of four participating scholars, and an ICMT coordinator, where necessary, to support communication and administrative monitoring.

2. Eligibility of the Research Mentor

The research mentor shall:

1. Possess relevant academic and research experience.
2. Have a demonstrable record of quality peer-reviewed publications.
3. Have an acceptable citation record in recognized academic databases.

4. Demonstrate recent research activity in a relevant field.
5. Have experience in research supervision, collaboration, or publication.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of research ethics and responsible publication.
7. Commit sufficient time to guide the research team.
8. Declare any conflict of interest before joining a project.

ICMT shall assess publication quality, citation impact, relevance of expertise, research integrity, and mentorship capacity rather than relying only on the total number of publications.

3. Eligibility of Participating Scholars

Each scholar shall:

1. Demonstrate a genuine interest in research.
2. Possess academic knowledge relevant to the proposed project.
3. Be willing to undertake assigned research responsibilities.
4. Attend scheduled research meetings.
5. Meet agreed deadlines.
6. Maintain academic integrity.
7. Participate actively from project development to manuscript preparation.
8. Accept the authorship, data management, and publication rules established by ICMT.
9. Research Topic Selection

Research topics shall be selected collectively under the guidance of the mentor.

4. Roles and Responsibilities of the Mentor

The mentor shall:

1. Provide intellectual and methodological guidance.
2. Review the research problem and proposed research gap.
3. Guide the development of the research methodology.
4. Support the team in selecting appropriate journals.
5. Encourage independent scholarly contribution by all members.
6. Promote compliance with research ethics.
7. Help resolve academic disagreements.
8. Monitor the quality and progress of the research.

5. Roles and Responsibilities of Scholars

Each scholar shall:

1. Complete assigned tasks within agreed deadlines.
2. Contribute intellectually to the research.
3. Participate in literature searching, study development, data activities, analysis, interpretation, or writing as assigned.
4. Maintain accurate records of completed work.
5. Report difficulties early to the mentor and team.
6. Review drafts produced by other members.
7. Protect confidential research information.
8. Avoid plagiarism, fabrication, falsification, and misrepresentation.
9. Participate in manuscript revision and response to reviewers where required.
10. Remain actively involved until the agreed responsibilities are completed.
11. Allocation of Responsibilities

At the beginning of each research project, the team shall prepare a written responsibility matrix

6. Authorship

Authorship shall be based on substantial scholarly contribution. Along with the scholars mandatorily mentor will be the last author.

7. Order of Authors

The authorship order shall be discussed at the beginning of the project and reviewed before submission.

8. Contribution Record

ICMT shall encourage the use of a formal contributor statement.

The contribution of each researcher should be documented in areas such as: conceptualization, methodology, investigation, data collection, data analysis, writing, review and editing, supervision, and research administration.

9. Research Misconduct

ICMT shall maintain zero tolerance for deliberate research misconduct.

Prohibited conduct includes: Plagiarism, Data fabrication, Data falsification, Manipulation of results, Duplicate publication without proper disclosure, Undisclosed inappropriate reuse of published material, Fake authorship, Suppression of relevant findings, Misrepresentation of qualifications or contributions, and Submission to multiple journals simultaneously without permission.

