University Grants Commission

Second Higher Education Project (SHEP)

Invitation of Research Proposal for Faculty Research Grants

University Grants Commission (UGC), Nepal under the SHEP Research Funding Program, invites research proposals together with duly filled-in grant application forms from eligible faculties for *Faculty Research Grants Award 2069/2070*. In order to rationalize existing scarce resources available for funding research activities, thematic preference has, however, been given to the priority sector identified by the National Interim Plan and the Millennium Development Goal.

Interested faculties fulfilling the following requirements may apply for the Research Grants:

- The Principal Researcher/Team Leader must be a full time faculty member of a university or an organization affiliated to a university of Nepal such as central departments, campuses, research, centres, faculties or institutes,
- o The Principal Researcher should possess high level of academic excellence.
- There should be provision for the involvement of at least one additional faculty member and one young graduate in the research team.
- o Representation of women, *dalits* and the members of other disadvantaged groups in the research team is an important indicator for selection.

Other Provisions and Requirements:

- All the researchers must be Nepali citizens.
- UGC Board members, members of Research Council, Evaluation Committee, Cluster Committee and UGC employees are not eligible to apply.
- A person who is currently getting fellowships/ research grants from UGC is not eligible to apply.
- A researcher should be involved in one and only one proposal.
- In case of dispute, final decision will be made by UGC Research Council.

Funding and Duration:

• The maximum amount of Faculty Research Grants is Rs. 2, 00,000 (two hundred thousand rupees) based on the proposal. The study must be completed within 1-1.5 years.

Documents to be submitted:

- An application form must be submitted in UGC format available from Research Division or on UGC website
 www.ugcnepal.edu.np> with payment of Rs. 500 (Five hundred Rupees only).
- Three copies of research proposals in APA format along with a CD copy.
- The proposal will undergo blind review for evaluation. The name of the researchers and the institution should not appear in the proposal. Any default will be disqualified.

The application along with the detailed proposal must reach UGC by **September 10, 2012 (25 Bhadra, 2069).** Delays caused by postal service or other mode of delivery will not be entertained.

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