



Thiagarajar College

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Policies for Research and Development (2025): Amendments I (2026)

The following amendments to the Research and Development Policies of Thiagarajar College have been reviewed and recommended. The amendments, as detailed herein, shall take effect from 01 January 2026.

Section 3.2 (Revised):

T. Kannan Research Fellowship (TKRF) in place of TCMRF

In order to strengthen the research ecosystem of Thiagarajar College and to honour the academic vision and legacy of Shri Karumuttu T. Kannan, the Management has instituted a revised and comprehensive fellowship framework titled the T. Kannan Research Fellowship (TKRF). This revision replaces the earlier fellowship (Thiagarajar College Management Research Fellowship (TCMRF)) provisions under Section 3.2 while retaining essential administrative and regulatory clauses. The TKRF aims to provide structured financial support, motivate high-quality research publications (Scopus or WoS indexed), and encourage patentable innovations among full-time non-stipendiary research scholars across Science and Arts disciplines.

3.2. T. Kannan Research Fellowship (TKRF) Policy (R&D/2026/PY/3.2)

3.2.1 Fellowship Structure under TKRF

Non-stipendiary full-time research scholars shall be eligible for financial assistance under TKRF as per the following monthly fellowship structure:

- First Year: ₹10,000 per month
- Second Year: ₹15,000 per month
- Third Year: ₹20,000 per month

3.2.2 Fellowship Tenure

The fellowship may be availed for a maximum of three years. Progression from one fellowship level to the next is strictly performance-based.

3.2.3 Academic and Research Performance Requirements

To remain eligible for continuation of the TKRF and to qualify for the Ph.D. pre-viva, research scholars shall satisfy the following year-wise and overall performance requirements.

a) Science Departments

I Year Requirements:

- Minimum 1 paper submission to a Scopus- or WoS-indexed journal
- Minimum 1 paper presentation in a National/International conference



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II Year Requirements:

- Minimum 1 paper publication (including publications from Year I)
- Minimum 2 paper submissions, (OR) 1 paper submission and 1 patent filing
- Minimum 2 paper presentations in National/International conferences

III Year (Overall Requirements for I-III Years):

- Minimum 4 publications, (OR)
- Minimum 3 publications and 1 published patent, AND
- Minimum 3 paper presentations in National/International conferences

b) Arts Departments

I Year Requirements:

- Minimum 1 paper submission to a Scopus- or WoS-indexed journal
- Minimum 1 paper presentation in a National / International conference

II Year Requirements:

- Minimum 1 paper publication (including publications from Year I)
- Minimum 1 additional paper submission
- Minimum 2 paper presentations in National/International conferences

III Year (Overall Requirements for I-III Years):

- Minimum 3 publications, OR
- Minimum 2 publications and 1 published patent, AND
- Minimum 3 paper presentations in National/International conferences

3.2.4 Application and Approval Process

- Eligible research scholars must submit an application through proper channel, along with supporting documents verifying eligibility criteria.
- A Scrutiny Committee approved by the Secretary, Thiagarajar College will review the application and supporting documents. The committee will submit its recommendations to the Management for final approval.
- The fellowship will commence following approval by the Secretary of Thiagarajar College.

3.2.5 Cancellation of Fellowship

The fellowship will be terminated under the following circumstances:

- Misconduct or unsatisfactory progress in research work.
- Discovery of false information or fraudulent activity by the applicant.



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iii. The research fellow is found to be engaging in employment during the fellowship period.

iv. Receipt of financial assistance or fellowship from other sources.

v. Resignation by the research fellow or submission of the Ph.D. thesis.

3.2.6 Additional Conditions

i. Research fellows are entitled for a maximum period of 30 days leave in a year in addition to public holidays. Semester vacations are not applicable.

iii. The fellowship will cease immediately if the fellow fails to fulfil the publication requirements or meet the eligibility criteria for progression.

3.2.7 Notes for Clarity and Avoidance of Disputes

i. Scholars must meet the minimum publication/patent/conference criteria at the end of each year to be eligible for continuation or progression of the fellowship.

ii. Scholars who fail to meet the required performance milestones at the end of the year will automatically forfeit the fellowship.

iii. Requests for fellowship amounts beyond the approved structure shall not be entertained.

iv. All provisions are subject to scrutiny, documentation verification, and institutional compliance requirements.

3.2.8 Effective Date and Applicability

This policy shall be applicable to all eligible existing candidates as well as to candidates admitted or enrolled after the effective date, i.e., 01 January 2026.

The T. Kannan Research Fellowship (TKRF) Policy is a testament to the commitment of the institution to promoting advanced research and academic excellence. Through this fellowship, the institution reaffirms its dedication to nurturing future leaders in research and strengthening its position as a centre of academic distinction.

Section 3.3.2 (Revised): Incentives for Indexed and Collaborative Publications

Recognising the significance of research publications and in order to strengthen academic partnerships between Thiagarajar College (TCA) and Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE), the following revision replaces the earlier Section 3.3.2.

3.3.2 Incentives for Research Publications

- i. Each publication indexed in Scopus or Web of Science shall carry a uniform incentive of ₹10,000.
 - ii. For research publications collaboratively authored with TCE, an additional incentive of 50% shall be provided over and above the applicable incentive.
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Section 3.7.2 (Expanded):

New Recognition Category for International Listings

Section 3.7.2 is hereby expanded to include a new category of recognition for faculty featured in internationally reputed scientific listings.

3.7.2 iv. Recognition for Inclusion in the Top 2% Scientists (Stanford Listing):

This category includes faculty members whose names appear in the annually released Stanford University Global Top 2% Scientists List.

- Reward: Certificate of Appreciation and a cash prize of ₹1,00,000.
- If the faculty members continue to be included in the Top 2% listing in subsequent years, they shall be awarded an annual cash prize of ₹30,000 and a Certificate of Appreciation for each year of continued listing.

This recognition is instituted to honour sustained research excellence and to encourage faculty members to maintain high-quality scholarly contributions.

Section 6.1 (Extended):

PG Research Grants and Research Activity Support

In alignment with the institution's objective of fostering a strong research culture among postgraduate (PG) students, the following policy clauses are hereby introduced as an extension to Section 6.1.

6.1.1 (a) PG Research Project Grant

PG students, in association with their respective staff mentors, are eligible to apply for a Research Project Grant of ₹10,000. The grant aims to strengthen postgraduate research culture and support meaningful project-based learning. Projects funded under this scheme are expected to culminate at least in a research paper submission in a reputable Scopus or WoS indexed journal by the end of the PG programme.

6.1.1 (b) Support for Research Activity Expenses

To promote quality research among PG students and Ph.D. scholars, the College shall bear expenses incurred towards essential research requirements such as chemicals, glassware, consumables, and characterization charges, subject to prior approval.

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