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Institutional Distinctiveness

Institutional Distinctiveness: Inclination towards Research Activities

Involvement of pharmacy students in pharmaceutical research is imperative for the future of healthcare. Several factors influence pharmacy student's inclination towards research: the pharmacy college experience, exposure to research article reading and writing and knowledge of research. This study follows up pharmacy students at time of graduation to explore changes in their inclination towards research and pursuing a research career compared to their inclination at time of entry into Pharmacy College. Due to this reason we have decided to shape and incline our students approach towards research activity.

Pharmaceutical research has the potential to generate positive health and economic outcomes. However, studies across many countries have reported a decreasing trend of pharmacists undertaking research. Since 2000, the number of scientists has not kept pace with the overall growth of the research community. The progress of biomedical research is highly dependent on pharmacists being actively engaged in research. Pharmacists are more able to pursue clinically relevant research as they are in regular contact with patients, have a deeper understanding and appreciation of diseases and the clinical environment. In view of the decreasing number of scientists, various research councils and institutes across different countries are increasing their focus on training 'pharmaceutical scientists' (pharmacy graduates who primarily pursue a career in pharmaceutical research) and (pharmacy graduates who primarily are involved in patient care, but are also involved in research).

We at our college feels that the attitude of the students towards the innovative thinking and their inclination towards research can be inculcated at the graduation level itself. From academic year

2018-19 onwards we have initiated "Inclination towards Research Activity" as our distinctiveness of our college. So as to encourage budding pharmacist to think innovative and generate interest towards research. Each faculty member has been allotted with 2 students of S.Y./T.Y.B.Pharm. With an aim that concern faculty member actively encouraged and guide the students allotted to them for Research Work. As outcome of this activity it was observed that students had good attitudes towards research activities and a higher number of students desired to be involved more in research publications. Faculties has also consider taking special research initiatives to address the barriers and improve the involvement of students in scholarly research activities. As outcome of "Inclination towards Research Activity" it is evident that the students have thrust for research and brought their innovative ideas which led to many participations and awards in various national and international seminars and conferences, some remarkable achievements in last five years are: During last five years our students had presented their research in various national and international conferences/seminar/workshops organized by various college. Moreover our students has also participated every year in Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune organized "Avishkar competition" and presented their research work at zonal level and university level. Ms. Kadam Tejaswini and Ms. Kamble Kshitija has represented Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune at State Level "Avishkar competition 2018" and presented the research work entitled "Anthelmintic Candy" organized by Gondwana University, Gadchiroli during January 15 to 18, 2019. Mr.Sachin Fartade was confer with Best Researcher of the year Award by YIN Sakal Media Group in 2018. Ms. Garad Prajakta and Ms. Kulkarni Prajakta was awarded with Second Prize for their Research Project in National Conference PHARMEET 2020 held at Mitcon Institute of Management Pune. Mr. Mahesh Garje secured 2nd Prize in National Level e-Poster Presentation competition on "Research to Combat Covid 19" held at Sanjivani College of Pharmaceutical Education and Research. Ms. Garad Prajakta and Ms. Kulkarni Prajakta was awarded with First Prize at "Pharmakon 2k20" State Level e-Poster competition held at Pravara Rural College of Pharmacy, Pravaranagar, Loni. Our post graduate student Mr. Pawa Karan (M. Pharm. Pharmaceutical Chemistry) was awarded best thesis at national level in R. V. Patel innovative thesis competition, Ahmedabad. Mr. Ganesh Barkade (Final Year B. Pharm.) was awarded the prize for best scientific poster by MET Bhubjal Knowledge City, Nashik. Mr. Musle Sumit and Harishchandre Mahesh (Second Year B. Pharm.) was awarded the second prize for best scientific poster in Savatribai Phule Pune University

sponsored two days state level poster presentation competition organized by Abhasaheb Kakde college of pharmacy, Bodhegaon on 23rd and 24th January 2017. Mr. Musale S.K., Mr.Nagargoje Krishna and Harishchandre M.S. (Third Year B. Pharm.) received first prize at state level paper presentation competition on "Intellectual Property Right: New Edge Challenges" organized by MES"s COP, Sonai (2017-18) Prof. Dr. R. L. Sawant, Vice Principal & Professor, Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation's College of Pharmacy, Ahmednagar received "Best Researcher" award from Expo TV EET-CRS in 8th Science and Technology Awards 2019. He also received prestigious Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Award for Scientific Excellance-2018. Prof. Dr. R. L. Sawant, Vice Principal & Professor, conferred with "Distinguish Professor Award" by Bestow Edutex International Award-2020. Renato Dulbecco Memorial Award during 3rd World Cancer Congress and 3rd World Congress on "Drug Discovery and Development-2019." Prof. Dr. R. L. Sawant is also recipient of prestigious "Best Teacher Award" by Savitibai Phule Pune University, Pune. Inclination towards research activities have been greatly benefiting the college. Total 2 patent application have been filed, 164 research articles and 09 books have been published by the faculty in various national and international journals. The faculty members are constantly encouraged to present their research work in national and international conferences and publish in high quality research journals. The staff members and students are working on the novel research projects and various innovative ideas. Net fruitful outcome of this activity is research grant worth of Rs.1.19 Cr for various ongoing research projects in college from various funding agencies.



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