



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

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Vice-Chancellors of Universities,
Directors of Institutes,
Rectors of Campuses

BUDGET CALL 2017

Section 15(ii) of the Universities Act No 16 of 1978, empowers University Grants Commission (UGC) to prepare triennial budget for the Higher Education Institutions in consultation with the governing authorities of the HEIs.

As per the Sectorial Plan of Ministry of Higher Education, four major policy areas have been identified and proposed to be financed by the year 2017 budget.

- Access to Higher Education
- Quality and relevance of higher education
- Sufficiency in Management systems
- Research, innovation and knowledge transferring

Accordingly, Universities/HEIs are requested to prepare their annual budget estimates to address the above areas as per the guidelines given in this circular and develop Key Performance Indicators to measure the performance of the University/HEI.

1. Development/Capital Expenditure Estimates

Universities/HEIs are advised to submit their budget estimates for Capital Expenditure under the following development Projects

a) Human Capital and Other Development Projects

University Grants Commission proposed nine (9) development projects to address four policy areas of “Higher Education” in the year 2017.

Therefore Higher Education Institutes are encouraged to prepare their estimates considering the objective of the following projects proposed by the UGC. Further Universities/HEIs are requested to include new project proposals of the universities/HEIs to address the government’s economic policy frameworks stated in the Budget Call -2017. (Format VIII)

| | Projects | Responsibility for the preparation of estimates |
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| 1 | Postgraduate training of teachers (Phd, MD, Mphil & Other Masters) and continuous professional development (CPP) for university Executive officers | UGC |
| 2 | Diversification of existing degree program in Social Sciences and Humanities to create national and regionally relevant degree programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops for curricular revision with the participation of International and National Experts • Establishment of IT departments/ strengthening existing Departments | UGC/Universities |
| 3 | Increase Access at least by 10% in the Academic year 2017/18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Access in Faculties of Science and Management in universities through new or existing degree program based on market needs • Increase Access in Faculties of Medicine and Engineering in universities. | UGC/Universities |
| 4 | Gender Equity and Equality, Sexual and Gender based violence and ragging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of anonymous regress complaint mechanism • Awareness workshops in 15 Universities • Printed Material – Hand Books | UGC |
| 5 | Quality Assurance and Accreditation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the existing Quality Assurance Unit of UGC • Proposal for Establishment of independent Quality Assurance and Accreditation Institute | UGC/Universities /HEIs |

