

**Minutes of meeting of JIPMER Undergraduate Research Monitoring Committee meeting held  
on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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Undergraduate Research Monitoring Committee meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 at 2.30 PM at the office of Director. The meeting was attended by Dr. SC Parija, Dr. Vikram Kate, Dr. M.G. Sridhar, Dr. Latha Chaturvedula, Dr. Sonali Sarkar, Dr. Rajesh NG, and Dr. Gomathi Shankar.

At the outset Dr. S.C. Parija, Director, welcomed the members of Undergraduate Research Monitoring Committee. The agenda of the meeting was to discuss approval of applications of faculty who had applied for Research Mentorship Program for Undergraduates (RMPU).

1. The applications of faculty mentors for the Research Mentorship Program for Undergraduates were discussed. All the 9 applications received prior to the meeting were taken up for discussion. The members went through the brief profile of all the applicants. The Committee approved all the nine faculties as mentors for the mentorship programme. The Director, stressed about the need for increasing faculty applications for RMPU. It was decided to email the minutes with the list of approved mentors to all faculty members and to upload the same in JIPMER website so as to create awareness about the program. The list of mentors approved so far is as below:

|    | Name                       | Designation         | Department        |
|----|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1  | Mr. Harichandrakumar.K.T   | Lecturer            | Biostatistics     |
| 2  | Dr. Priyamvada P S         | Associate Professor | Nephrology        |
| 3  | Dr. Subitha. L             | Assistant Professor | P & SM            |
| 4  | Dr. Laxmisha Chandrashekar | Associate Professor | Dermatology & STD |
| 5  | Dr. Smita Kayal            | Assistant Professor | Medical Oncology  |
| 6  | Dr. Shanmugam.D            | Assistant Professor | General Surgery   |
| 7  | Dr. Medha.R                | Associate Professor | Biochemistry      |
| 8  | Dr. Nidhi Singh            | Assistant Professor | Dermatology & STD |
| 9  | Dr. Gomathi Shankar.V      | Assistant Professor | General Surgery   |
| 10 | Dr. Venkatesh S Madhugiri  | Associate Professor | Neurosurgery      |

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| 11 | Dr Vaibhav Wadwekar          | Associate Professor         | Neurology         |
| 12 | Dr. S. Sandhiya              | Assistant Professor         | Pharmacology      |
| 13 | Dr. Subhash Chandra Parija   | Director & Senior Professor | Microbiology      |
| 14 | Dr R. Ramesh Kumar,          | Assistant Professor         | Paediatrics       |
| 15 | Dr. Vikram Kate              | Professor                   | General Surgery   |
| 16 | Dr. Palnivel                 | Assistant Professor         | P & SM            |
| 17 | Dr. Sunil.K.Narayan          | Professor                   | Neurology         |
| 18 | Dr. Sonali Sarkar            | Associate Professor         | P & SM            |
| 19 | Dr. Devinder M. Thappa       | Professor                   | Dermatology & STD |
| 20 | Dr. Devi Prasad Mohapatra    | Associate Professor         | Plastic Surgery   |
| 21 | Dr. Balasubramanim Vairappan | Assistant Professor         | Biochemistry      |
| 22 | Dr.Adhisivam.B               | Associate Professor         | Paediatrics       |
| 23 | Dr. Gopalakrishnan M.S       | Associate Professor         | Neurosurgery      |
| 24 | Dr. Biswajit. D              | Associate Professor         | Medical Oncology  |

2. It was decided that in order to make the mentorship programme an inclusive one and of interest to all the students if any student has any difficulty in getting a mentor, he/she can bring it to the notice of UGRMC and UGRMC will facilitate to get a Mentor.
3. Regarding the exact role of the Mentor -- Mentor can help the mentee to learn a range of things like choosing a research topic, designing a study, applying for intramural/extramural grants and submitting research papers to journals. Doing a project under the mentor is not an absolute requirement and the mentor and project guide can be different.
4. It was decided that once a mentor has agreed to take a candidate, the mentor should inform the UGRMC regarding the same and a copy of the agreement form signed by the mentor and mentee should be mailed to UGRMC. The onus of doing this is on the mentor. The format of the agreement form will be available on the UGRMC section of JIPMER website.
5. Dr. Vikram Kate put forth regarding selection of the GJ STRAUS projects for awards. The Director proposed that the projects will be evaluated by UGMRC members and he entrusted Dr.Vikram Kate, Member Secretary, with the responsibility of allotting projects for evaluation to UGRMC members.
6. The Director proposed his vision about Research Internship Program for undergraduate students. The program will help secure research internships for undergraduate students in institutes of repute in India and abroad. Other members also agreed regarding the need for

such a program and opined that the exposure our students get through such programs will be of immense help to the students. The Director invited the members to come up with their suggestions regarding the guidelines for the research internship program and proposed that the program should begin from May 2015.

The meeting concluded with Director, Dr. SC Parija thanking all the members for their active participation.

Dr. Vikram Kate

Dr. S. C. Parija

Member-Secretary,

Director & Chairman,

UG Research Monitoring Committee,

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