

# Research Criteria for participating in the QAA process.

## 1. QAA First Cycle:

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<b>For LOI Acceptance</b>	<b>HEIs Offering only Undergraduate Programs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RMC has been established, Guidelines has been prepared,</li> <li>At least one research related training (proposal/ research paper writing) has been already conducted.</li> <li>Work plan of RMC at least for a year with time bound action matrix developed.</li> </ul>	<b>HEIs Offering only Undergraduate Programs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RMC has been established, Guidelines has been prepared, at least one research related training (proposal/ research paper writing) has been already conducted.</li> <li>Work plan of RMC at least for a year with time bound action matrix developed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RMC has been established, Guidelines has been prepared, at least two research related training (proposal/ research paper writing) has been already conducted.</li> <li>Work plan of RMC at least for a year with time bound action matrix developed.</li> <li>Decision has been taken to call for mini research projects ( at least two).</li> <li>Graduate research support program</li> </ul>
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<b>Submission of SSR</b>	<b>Budget allocation provision:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undergraduate only programs: 3% of the operating budget</li> <li>Graduate and above programs: 5% of the operating budget</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 30% of proposed activities in RMC plan have been fulfilled.</li> <li>At least three mini research projects are awarded</li> </ul>
	If the income from student fees is less than or equal to NPR 10 million (as per the previous audit report). Undergraduate only programs: At least NRs. 3,00, 000.00 ( In word: Three lakh)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduate and above programs: At least NRs. 5,00,000.00 ( In word: Five lakh)</li> </ul>		
If the income from Student fee is above NRs. 10 million and below NRs. 20 million (in previous audit report):			

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Before PRT	<p><b>HEIs Offering Undergraduate Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct at least one research-related training or workshops.</li> <li>• Either 5% or at least two of full-time faculty members should have published articles in peer-reviewed journals.</li> <li>• Completed at least two mini-research projects among full-time faculties through RMC. This should have been in every year after submission of LoI.</li> <li>• Implement at least 50% of the activities outlined in the annual research plan.</li> <li>• At least one Faculty – students collaborative research work have been completed.</li> <li>• Active collaborations with relevant organizations initiated.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least one National/International Research seminar/workshop should be conducted annually.</li> <li>• 30% of full-time faculty members have published articles in peer-reviewed journals.</li> <li>• At least two full-time faculty members received research grants from external sources (such as UGC/NAST/ Federal/Provincial/ Local Governments/NGOs/INGOs).</li> <li>• Published Peer Reviewed Journal.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>HEIs Offering Graduate Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct at least two research-related training or workshops.</li> <li>• Either 5% or at least two of full-time faculty members should have published articles in peer-reviewed journals.</li> <li>• Completed at least three mini-research projects among full-time faculties through RMC. This should have been in every year after submission of LoI.</li> <li>• Implement at least 50% of the activities outlined in the annual research plan (before accreditation)</li> <li>• At least two Faculties – students collaborative research work have been completed.</li> <li>• Active collaborations with relevant organizations initiated.</li> </ul>		

## 2. QAA Second Cycle:

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For LOI Acceptance	<p>In addition to the condition of the first cycle:</p> <p><b>HEIs Offering Undergraduate Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 10% of the total full-time faculty should have published articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals, whether published by the institution or externally.</li> <li>RMC should be highly active, conducting programs regularly.</li> <li>During the first accreditation cycle, the institution should have awarded mini-research projects to at least 15% of its faculties.</li> <li>A report on the research progress of the previous cycle should be submitted.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 20% of the total full-time faculty members should have published articles in a peer-reviewed journal, whether published by the institution or others.</li> <li>RMC plans of previous accreditation cycle should have been fully implemented ( at least 80%).</li> <li>During the previous accreditation cycle, at least 25% of full time faculty member were awarded mini-research projects by the institution.</li> <li>Peer-Reviewed Journal published regularly.</li> <li>Submit a report on the research progress of the previous cycle.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>HEIs Offering Graduate Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 15% of the total full-time faculty members should have published articles in a peer-reviewed journal, whether published by the institution or others.</li> <li>RMC plans of previous accreditation cycle should have been fully implemented (at least 80%).</li> <li>During the previous accreditation cycle, at least 20% of faculties were awarded mini-research projects by the institution.</li> <li>Peer-Reviewed Journal published regularly.</li> <li>Submit a report on the research progress of the previous cycle.</li> </ul>		
Before PRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least one National/International level research workshop/seminar / conference should be conducted in every two years. (disclosure to wider audience using website)</li> <li>Graduate research support (Master Research Support program)</li> <li>One research collaboration with industry/ companies/ local/provincial and federal government(s) should be conducted.</li> <li>At least 5% or 2 (whichever is higher) of the total full-time faculty should have published articles in internationally ranked journals (at least Q4).</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5% of the total revenue should be generated through research and consultancy.</li> <li>At least 10% or 3 (whichever is higher) of the total full-time faculty should have published articles in internationally ranked journals (at least Q4).</li> </ul>

## 3. QAA Third Cycle and onwards:

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At all stages of QAA	In the successive cycles, research activities should significantly be exceeded.		

