

Two day workshop on Conceptualizing Sponsored Project Proposals
(25.10.2021 & 26.10.2021)

Report

A two day workshop on Conceptualizing Sponsored project proposals was organized by the Directorate of Research and Consultancy on 25th and 26th October 2021. The venue of the event was Hi-Tech Seminar hall and the Inaugural session was held at 2.00 pm on 25th October with a welcome by Dr. Kalaiselvi Senthil, Assistant Dean (Sponsored Projects). The Chancellor Prof. S.P. Thiyagarajan rendered the inaugural address and emphasized the need for inter departmental, inter institutional and global collaborative research. Vice Chancellor Dr. Premavathy Vijayan and Registrar Dr. S. Kowsalya greeted the gathering and encouraged active participation of the faculty members.

Dr. Aruna Dhattatreya, presented the first session on the topic “How to give a winning proposal”. She elaborated on how to present a proposal that would be convincing for the reviewer of the funding agency; how to write a crisp summary of the proposal, how to highlight the novelty of the study, points to be included in the methodology, justification of the budget and how to emphasize on the deliverables and outcome.

Dr. Sudha Nair addressed on the need of interdisciplinary participation and team work. She also highlighted on the need to have all the work documents maintained in a folder in an orderly manner while submitting proposals online.

Dr. Murugesan addressed the gathering on various aspects of presenting an effective proposal plan and the need to present it in the right platform both at national and international level. He also highlighted that Publications in the area of proposal is mandatory. Guidelines for preparation of slides were provided to the staff members.

Day 2- 26.10.2021

The day started with presentations from faculty of various departments. There were a total of 11 presentations, 7 from the Department of Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, 1 from the Department of Botany, 2 from the Department of Physics and 1 from the Department of Chemistry.

Each project was evaluated critically by the mentors and suggestions were given for improvement of presentation.

Feedback from the Faculty:

- The faculty members welcomed such kind of interactive workshops and they felt that the sessions were very useful and helped them to understand how to frame effective project proposals and present them before the evaluators.
- It was suggested that the intimation of the event should be given at least a week ahead so that they are better prepared for participation.
- It was also suggested that the workshop can be a half day event so that they can spare time for classes and other department work.



Chancellor, Prof. S.P. Thiagaragan delivering the Inaugural address



Dean (R & C) Dr. V. Murugesan and mentors Dr. Aruna Dhattatreya and Dr. Sudha Nair at the workshop along with participants