

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

GUIDELINES FOR THE UGC CHAIRS IN UNIVERSITIES DURING XII PLAN (2012-17)

1. Preamble:

India has a long history of scholarship in a variety of disciplines. The Universities provide the right platform for generation and dissemination of knowledge. The imperatives of skills and excellence to meet the challenges at national and global levels in a highly dynamic contemporary context require integration of social, cultural, and scientific dimensions into their teaching and research programmes. The university system should facilitate insightful thinking on all issues connected with focus on knowledge generation with an inter-disciplinary perspective. In order to enrich the academic resources of the university system for a deeper reflection on critical issues, the University Grants Commission has formulated the Scheme of Chairs in the name of Nobel Laureates and other illustrious persons who have been either Indian Citizen or are of an Indian Origin. In this background, Chairs are being established in the areas of their outstanding contributions. UGC will decide the number of Chairs to be established in different universities in the Plan Period.

2. Creation of the Chair:

Chair will be designated in the name of illustrious persons, Nobel Laureates and persons of eminence in the areas/fields of their contribution.

3. Name of the Chair and Subjects/Areas:

(I) Chairs in the name of illustrious persons

S. No.	National Chairs:	Subjects/Areas
1.	Motilal Nehru (Existing Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal studies• Freedom movement
2.	Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad (Existing Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Journalism• Education• Urdu and Arabic Literature.• Freedom Movement
3.	Dr. Rajendra Prasad (Existing Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freedom movement• Governance
4.	Lal Bahadur Shastri (Existing Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Development• Ethics and governance• Freedom movement
5.	Babu Jagjivan Ram (Existing Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empowerment of the marginalized section of the society
6.	Rajiv Gandhi (Existing Chair)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Panchayati Raj• ICT and Computerization• Youth Empowerment• Peace & conflict resolution
7.	Swami Vivekanand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National & Social awakening• Philosophy• Youth development and leadership
8.	Mahatma Gandhi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peace & non-violence• Freedom movement• National integration
9.	Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freedom movement• International cooperation• Science & Technology• Non-aligned movement
10.	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Inclusion• Constitutional Studies
11.	Dr. Zakir Hussain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education• Freedom Movement
12.	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy
13	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Integration • Governance
14	Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Social Reforms • Freedom Movement
15	Sir Syed Ahmad Khan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Social Reforms • Religion and Culture

II. Chairs in the name of Nobel laureates

S. No.	Nobel laureates	Subjects/Areas
1.	Rabindranath Tagore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature • Arts and Aesthetics • Culture • Music
2.	C.V. Raman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics & Optics, Spectroscopy and Acoustics • Chemistry
3.	Mother Teresa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights • Women Empowerment • Peace • Poverty Alleviation and Humanitarianism
4.	Subramanyam Chandrashekar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physics & Astrophysics • Astronomy • Magneto-hydrodynamics
5.	Hargobind Khurana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Chemistry & Biochemistry • Physiology and Medicine •
6.	Amartya Sen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Sciences • Welfare Economics • Social Choice Theory

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Development • Sustainable Development
7.	Venkatram Ramakrishnan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural & Molecular Biology • Biochemistry and Chemistry

(III) Chairs in the name of Persons of Eminence:

S. No.	National Chairs:	Subjects/Areas
1.	E. Sreedharan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban development • Surface transport
2.	Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhaba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space Science

4. Selection of Chair Professor:

Designation	Chair Professor
Qualification	An academic/scholar of outstanding track record in the designated areas of studies.
Age:	55-70 years
Scale of pay	Consolidated Rs. 1,00,000 per month.
Period of appointment	5 years (can be extended for another two years subject to a maximum of 7 years, not exceeding 70 years of age)
Duration of the Chair	Maximum of 5 years or until the incumbent attains the age of 70 years whichever is earlier and not exceeding 70 years of age.
Mode of nomination	Nomination and/or invitation on the recommendation of a 3 member Committee consisting of eminent persons to be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor of the University

5. Academic Functions:

- To engage in research and, in turn, contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the area of the study.
- To strengthen the role of university/academics in public policy making.
- To design and execute short-term capacity-building programmes for teachers in higher education focused towards the designated discipline of the Chair.
- To provide a forum for inter-university/inter-collegiate Post Graduate and Research level dialogues, discussion meetings, seminars/summer & winter schools.
- To publish articles/research papers/reports/books/ monographs.
- To participate in teaching and Ph.D programme of the Department or School in which it is located.

6. Logistics support to the Chairs:

The Chair should be located in one of the departments/ Centres or Schools of the University and shall be provided all the academic, administrative and logistic support extended to other Professors of the school/department.

7. Funding:

- i. 100% funding for the Chairs for five years extendable for further two years as per UGC Norms
- ii. Books & Journals: Rs. 1,50,000/- for five years and Rs. 30,000/- p.a. for 2 years, if extended.
- iii. Travel (Local & National): Rs. 100,000/- p.a.
- iv. Secretarial Assistance: Rs. 1,50,000/- p.a.
- v. Organization of workshop/conference/seminar/summer school: Rs. 1,00,000/- p.a.
- vi. Contingency (towards hiring assistance for fieldwork/ data collection & analysis/office expenses): Rs. 1, 20,000/- p.a.

8. Any Other:

- The university will evolve a mechanism to review the progress of the Chair annually.
- The university will submit a final report on the activities and the outcome of the Chair to the UGC after five years.
- The UGC may undertake the exercise of reviewing the Chair for its continuance, at any stage.
- The Chairs already existing/running in the universities will be discontinued after the completion of the current tenure of the Chair. Further approval of the Chairs in the universities will be governed by the XII Plan Guidelines.