

## **The Research Policy of the Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai**

The Department's Research students comprise of students pursuing M.A. By Research, M.Phil. and the Ph.D. Programmes affiliated with the University of Mumbai.

In accordance with the UGC Guidelines, For the Ph.D. research scholars, an advertisement is put out for each admission cycle following which an orientation of the prospective candidates takes place in order to gauge their research interests. Based on the discussions during the orientation session, the choice of the research guide takes place and the candidate, in consultation with the research guide, produces a research proposal for his/her Ph.D. Thesis.

Year-long courses as well as workshops on Research Methodology take place which benefit not just the Ph.D. Students but are part of the M.Phil. Curriculum as well. Modules in the Research Methodology courses focus on the ethics of research, as well as the unique dimensions of philosophical research. Plagiarism in research work is strictly discouraged at the department. Various seminars have been conducted on the ethics of research in the past.

Research students are given constant encouragement and platforms to present their ideas before eminent professors and guest speakers as part of various workshops, seminars and conferences conducted by the Department throughout the year. The department also hosts meets of the Mumbai Philosophy Research Scholars' Forum that brings together research scholars from various institutes in Mumbai as well as other neighboring cities in Maharashtra.