

## **Institutional Distinctiveness**

Vision of the institution is to provide Holistic education to empower women with values, commitment and Social Responsibility. St. Francis College believes in striving towards Excellence in Academics and Exploration of knowledge through Research.

## **Research Ecosystem**

The objective of the institution is to encourage Faculty and students to pursue Research and excel in the area of Research and Academics. A comprehensive Research policy is drafted in this regard

## **Established Research Cell**

College has a well - established Research cell with Faculty wise coordinators who organize and conduct research oriented activities to drive staff and students towards Research. The cell promotes the scientific research and motivate staff and students to engage in research activities to promote innovation, teaching and learning process. The cell ensures quality research with highest standards of academic integrity and ethics. Research cell also ensures that techniques used do not violate established ethical guidelines listed according to ICMR for sciences and ICSSR for commerce and Social sciences. The faculty members are oriented and motivated to initiate In-house projects and are given assistance in approaching various funding agencies. The faculty are actively involved in research and completed 3 major and 24 minor research projects funded by UGC and published 166 research papers (In UGC care list) 17 indexed in WoS and 37 indexed in Scopus and a total of 448 research papers in peer reviewed journals. The faculty also present papers and have been awarded best paper at various International and National Seminars and Conferences.

## **Seed money for Research**

Seed money is provided for the Faculty involved in research as per management's decision after it goes through review committee. One to two years fully paid leave is provided by the Institution for staff taking up doctoral studies. Financial awards are given to those who publish research papers in peer reviewed journals on Teacher's day.

## **Research Centre and Central Instrumentation facilities**

The Institution has a well-established Microbiology Research Centre, affiliated to Osmania University – **Louis Pasteur Research Lab** for students to pursue PhD. 3 of the faculty (2 from Department of Microbiology and 1 from Mass Communication) are recognized **Research supervisors** who are guiding about 10 students.

Faculty carry out collaborative research activities with National institutes – CCMB, IICT, CDFD and University of Hyderabad. 2 Patents are published by faculty members from the Departments of Microbiology and Computer Science.

The Central Instrumentation facility- **AXIS** – allows faculty and students to carry out Inter-Disciplinary Research.

Inclusion of Project work and Dissertation as a compulsory paper across faculties for UG and PG programmes contributes to enrichment and application of knowledge in solving, analyzing and exploring real life situations. Research Projects have been a quality initiative to provide students an opportunity to explore independent learning. Students are encouraged to present papers at various Seminars and Publish their work in peer reviewed journals. The 3 years of Undergraduate study and 2 years of Post Graduate study ensures that the students Graduate as intellectually competent, independent women ready to explore and take up new challenges