

Research Cluster:

1. The major objects of the Center are to

- i. respond to the challenges of the 21st century digital world and foster the development of educational research,
- ii. motivate ISU academic staff and students to involve themselves in research activities besides academic responsibilities,
- iii. develop cooperation at national and international levels with leading scholars, universities, and relevant industries,
- iv. establish a theoretical and practical foundation for a high standard of educational process and educational research,
- v. conduct research in the areas of business, development, and environment, scientific innovation, literature and linguistics, clothing and textile issues, and publish the findings thereof,
- vi. undertake primary and secondary researches, and consultancies in Bangladesh,
- vii. offer research training courses and serve as a source of training to develop the capacity and experience of Bangladeshi/Foreign consulting firms,
- viii. publish, and circulate papers, periodicals, books, publications, scholarly research etc.
- ix. raise research endowment funds from development organizations and other grants from home and abroad.

2. Research Management

- i. The Center shall be formed by a Governing Board (GB) with aims at facilitating to need-based policy-guidance to the Center. The Governing Board (GB) will formulate necessary financing and operational plans for the programs coming ahead. The Board will be consisting of five-members to be chaired by the Vice Chancellor of ISU, the Treasurer, the Registrar, Deans of all faculties, and Director of the Center (as Member Secretary). For each term, the Board will be nominated for the next three years. An Advisory Board (AB) for the Center will be

consisting of the selected academic staff of ISU. Additionally, eminent scholars and academicians, well-known civil society members of the country may be included in the Advisory Board (AB).

- ii. The Governing Board (GB) will meet at least thrice a year. It will approve the annual operation plan and the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board will be empowered to call an urgent meeting at short notice whenever deemed necessary.
- iii. The Advisory Board (AB) will meet at least twice in a year. It will be chaired by the Vice Chancellor of the University. The annual, medium and long term plans and programs of CRDP will be deliberated in the meeting.

3. Clusters of CRDP & day to day operation:

- i. **Activities:** The Centre will undertake policy oriented research in the spheres of business, development, literature, computing research, clothing and textile, and environmental issues in general. These should take up state functionaries, business corporations and other key decision-makers in the public, private and development sectors to develop well-informed and intelligent decisions. The CRDP will carry out base-line research and consultancies which may be funded by different public and private agencies, also by development organizations. The consultancies may be undertaken in collaboration with other reputable agencies, based in Bangladesh and other parts of the world. In doing so, it will maintain local and global collaboration with a wide range of scholarly academia and industries. The day-to-day operations of CRDP will be performed under the supervision of the Director. The Director will be appointed by the GB for tenure of three years. The tenure may be renewed subject to the approval of GB. The Director will operate the Centre assisted by the in-house resources particularly the academic staff of ISU.

There will be four clusters of research and development issues which are as follows:

- ◆ **Cluster 01:** Business and cross-cutting development issues,
- ◆ **Cluster 02:** Computing and scientific innovation, textile and clothing researches,

- ◆ **Cluster 03:** Socio-economic, literary and linguistic Researches,
- ◆ **Cluster 04:** Training, Consultancy, Discussion (Workshop, Seminar) and Publications.

Each cluster will comprise 2 to 4 members and will be headed by a coordinator. The Director will meet at a regular interval with the clusters and their Coordinators.

4. **Financial Management (FM):**

The Director will manage the financial aspects of CRDP with the help of ISU's normal financial system i.e. Finance and Accounts Division (FAD) of ISU. A particular section of FAD will be responsible for accounts and financial aspects of the Centre.

5. **Financial Transaction (FT):**

The financial transaction of CRDP will be operated by any two from the following members.

- i. The Treasurer, ISU
- ii. The Registrar, ISU
- iii. The Director, CRDP

6. **CRDP Organogram:**

i. **Governing Board (GB):**

- **Chair:** Vice Chancellor, ISU
- **Member:** Treasurer, ISU
- **Member:** Registrar, ISU
- **Member:** Dean, Faculty of Business Studies, ISU
- **Member:** Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology
- **Member:** Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, ISU
- **Member Secretary:** Director, CRDP, ISU

ii. **Advisory Body (AB):**

- Selected Academic Staff of ISU
- Eminent scholars and civil society members (nominated by Governing Board)

iii. **Executive Body (EB):**

- Director, CRDP
- Research Cluster #1 (Chairperson of the Dept. of Business Administration)
- Research Cluster #2 (Chairperson of the Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering)
- Research Cluster #3 (Chairperson of the Department of English)
- Research Cluster #4 (Chairperson of the Dept. of Textile Engineering)