

BENGALURU CITY UNIVERSITY

(Affiliating State University)

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No : BCU/VCRS/Conv/ Appeal / 89/2021-22

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Dear Sir/Madam,

***Appeal for Institution of Gold Medal for the meritorious Students in the newly established
Bengaluru City University at Central College Campus***

Trifurcated from Bangalore University in 2017-18, the Bengaluru City University started functioning from the Academic Year 2018-19 at the Historic Central College Campus as its Head Quarters. The jurisdiction of the University comprises of 13 Assembly constituencies of Bengaluru City. There 242 colleges affiliated to University including 11 Autonomous colleges. There are 36 PG and 28 UG programs over one lakh students are studying in the University and Colleges. The first annual convocation of the new University will be held in April 2022. And, in the interest of recognizing the notable academic distinction of students and in the name of the worthy donors, it is proposed to institute endowments, hence this appeal.

Central College : Legacy of Learning

The historical significance and heritage of Central College goes back to 1858 by establishment of Central High School which become Central College in 1875. By the end of the 19th Century, the Central College emerged as a Centre of Science Learning, Research and also Social Science and Humanities. It has also seen reputed Kannada literary and Social movements. The Central College was the principal constituent college for two premier Universities in the country, namely Presidency University (1857), Madras and University of Mysore (1916), Mysore and later became part of Bangalore University. The Central College has transformed in to the University during 2017.

The intellectual legacy of this prestigious institution begins with Rev. Mr. J. Garrett, Mr. B.L. Rice, Charles Walters, John Cook, R. H. Piggot, M. T. Narayana Iyengar, John Guthrie Tait, F. R. Sell, Dr. E. P. Metcalfe and Prof. C. R. Narayana Rao Charles Walters, Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha, Sri. C. Rajgopalachari, Governor General of India, Sir. M. Mirza Ismail, Diwan of the Princely State of Mysore, Sir. M. Visvesvaraya, Prof. T.R. Vnkannaiah, Prof. A.R. Krishna Shastri, Dr. Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, Prof. Kuvempu, Sri S. Nijalingappa, first Chief Minister of unified State of Mysore, Sri Devaraj Urs, Nittor Shrinivas Rao, G.P Rajaratnam, V.R. Iyengar, Shri Shivakumar Swamiji of Siddaganga math, Prof. C.N.R. Rao, Justice M.N. Venkatachalaiah, among others constitute the great Legacy of the most learned alumni.

It is a matter of great pride that Sir C.V. Raman made a public disclosure of his Nobel Prize winning discovery - 'Raman Effect' - in the Physics Department of Central College in the year 1928. The Lecture hall is named after him known as "Raman Hall." Similarly, a majestic hall in the Central Administrative building is named after C. Rajagopalachari, which is known as "Rajaji Hall". The soil of the Central College which has the footprints of the luminaries of education, science, arts, culture morality and spirituality, is pious and revered, which needs to be preserved and carried forward to the next generation.

The Central College has seen integration of Under Graduate College education and Post Graduate education including Honors degrees. A variety of literary societies were also formed around this time. English, Kannada, Sanskrit, Urdu, Persian, Tamil, Telugu and Hindi departments and Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, Geology were the pioneer Departments of the Central College involved in active research and publications.

In 1964, the Bangalore University was established and subsequently the University shifted to the Jnana Bharathi campus on Mysore road. Central College became the city campus of the University.

The Bengaluru City University is established by an enactment of State Legislature in 2017. This University has an unique feature of being a City based University. 232 Colleges are affiliated to this University out of which 12 Colleges are Autonomous. The Colleges are heterogeneously distributed in 13 Assembly Constituencies of Bengaluru City district. In view of becoming the city based University, an opportunity is created for elite citizens, alumni of Central College, Commercial houses, Bankers, Educational institutions, Industries, Print and Electronic Media houses, philanthropists to involve and participate in the recognition of talent amongst young minds.

Establishment of Gold medals

Bengaluru City University has a Statutory backup for institution of Endowments for award of Gold Medals, Prizes, Fellowships, Scholarships endowment lectures and academic chairs. Bengaluru City University is planning to host the first Annual Convocation where in Degrees will be awarded to the Undergraduate and Post Graduate Students, who have qualified to receive the Degrees. The top ranking Graduates needs to be encouraged and felicitated by awarding Gold-medals and Cash Prize.

An opportunity is created for Educational institutions, alumni of Central College, Commercial houses, Bankers, Industries, Print and Electronic Media houses, philanthropists and elite citizens of Bengaluru to participate in the recognition of talents amongst young minds by sponsoring endowments for institution of Gold Medals and Cash Prizes for the rank holders of different subjects at Under Graduate and Post Graduate level. The endowment amount is as shown below:

Sl.No	Endowments	Amount
1.	For Cash Prize	4.00 Lakhs
2.	For Gold Medal	6.00 Lakhs

Instructions for Institution of Endowments:

1. Any individual, Institution, Society, Company, Corporate house, trust, philanthropists can institute Gold Medals / Cash prizes.
2. For each Gold Medal / Cash prize the DD for an amount equivalent to the Number of Gold medals drawn in favor of the Finance Officer, Bengaluru City University shall be sent to the Registrar (Evaluation).
3. The proposal for institution of endowment will be placed before the Academic Council and Syndicate for approval.
4. The Institutions/donors can sponsor either Cash Prize or Gold Medal or both for candidates securing highest mark in a course or in one or more papers offered in particular course by the University.
5. The amount received will be invested in a Fixed Deposit and the interest earned there on will be used for awarding Cash Prize and Gold Medal.
6. The Gold Medals / Cash Prizes may be instituted in the name of individuals or institution / Society / Trust / Company etc.,
7. Institution of Gold Medals / Cash Prizes or award based on caste, creed, community, religion, or region is prohibited.
8. For further details please contact The Registrar (Evaluation), Examination branch, Bengaluru City University, Bengaluru-560001, Email Id: registrarevlubcu@gmail.com Ph. No: 080-29572003 / 22295559

Convocation of the University is an occasion to cherish the past glory and move forward. Institution of Gold medals / Cash prizes is a step forward to encourage and cherish the intellects. Interested individual / Institution are requested to send their endowments at earliest.

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