



**Lucknow University Consultancy Clinic  
(LUCC)**



Interaction with  
**The Department of Biochemistry,  
University of Lucknow, Lucknow**

























As a part of a series of interactive sessions to apprise faculty members of the consultancy policy, its various manifestations and implications and the services offered by the 'Lucknow University Consultancy Clinic (LUCC), an online meeting was held between the LUCC team and faculty members of the Department of Biochemistry along with some other departments of the University of Lucknow.

This was the 6<sup>th</sup> in a series of such meetings and was held on Zoom, on 12.06.2021, at 2:30 pm (Meeting ID: 831 6305 2769).

Attendance:

Participants (25)

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 Samir Sharma (Me)	 Dr. M. K. Jain Lucknow
 Ritu Narang (Host)	 Dr. Puneet Misra
 Dr. Ranvijay Pratap Singh (FoET, Uo...)	 Dr. Sangeeta Srivastava
 Vinod Kumar Sharma	 Indu Saxena
 Abha Bishnoi	 Joy Sarkar
 Abhinav Kumar	 Minal Garg
 Amrita Srivastava	 Narendra Kumar Singh
 Anil Mishra	 Prof. Naveen Khare
 Arun Sethi	 RK Mishra
 Ashutosh Singh	 Sidra
 Desh Deepak	 Sudhir Mehrotra
 Dr Nishant Kumar	 U N Dwivedi

### Proceedings:

Dr. Ritu Narang, Director LUCC, apprised the faculty members of the Department of Biochemistry regarding the ambit, facilities and support available under the LUCC umbrella for consultancy. She went on to explain the tenets of the consultancy policy in detail and

encouraged the faculty members to offer consultancy in the areas relevant to their areas of expertise.

The members discussed the legal, financial, and intellectual property related implications were discussed in detail. The ambit of coverage as well as exclusions of the consultancy policy was clearly spelt out by the director. The faculty members of all the three participating departments/institute expressed keenness to participate in this activity and outlined their areas of specialisation in which they are ready to offer consultancy. In this regard, certain important issues were raised and addressed by the participants. These were:

- a. Members raised the issue of levying of GST on services rendered. Prof. N.K. Khare sought clarity regarding GST vs. service tax. The Director, Dr. Narang, cited her interaction with Chartered Accountant and clarified that GST would be levied and that the University of Lucknow had a GST number for this purpose. Prof. Khare is currently the Director of The Institute of Yoga and raised issues specific to public participation in the activities of the institute.
- b. The members were generally of the view that a 70%-30% sharing in revenue between the person(s) engaged in consultancy and the university be observed throughout all faculties uniformly as against the 60%-40% revenue sharing for the Faculty of Science presently. The director assured that the matter will be taken up and resolved at the highest level.
- c. Members of the Department of Biochemistry raised concern regarding legal issues arising out of consultancy. Members of the Departments of Biochemistry as well as Chemistry were of the view that all public/government funded institutes and private industry have robust R&D setups therefore it was difficult to compile a list of such clients. It was thought pertinent that the departments draw up a list of teachers willing to offer consultancy, clearly mentioning their areas of specialisation so that the same could be offered to MSMEs seeking such consultancy.
- d. Faculty members from the Department of Biochemistry expressed concern regarding offering testing facilities in view of the legal implications. It was also clarified to members of the Lucc committee that analysis of materials/samples requires validation and GLP (Good Lab Practices) and that GLP involves strict guidelines and ironclad protocols that laboratories in the UoL are currently not in a position to offer. As such, members were of the opinion that consultancy be limited to theoretical/conceptual consultancy. Members from the department of Chemistry agreed with this, expressing concerns for the legal issues arising out of analytical results.
- e. The Director suggested that the payment model currently under considering after due consultation with qualified chartered accountants and university authorities was that the client submit the amount due for consultancy to the university and the university pays the percentage due to the faculty members involved as remuneration. However, this would have to be brought within the policy document after due consultation with the university authorities.
- f. Lucc panel members requested the Heads of the participating departments and institute to expedite the preparation of a list of faculty members consenting to offer consultancy along with their areas of specialisation.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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