

ACP Annual Report 2017-18

In the constant endeavor to turn existing courses into better, preferred ones, while fighting the odds and constantly changing educational environment of Mumbai University, this year the Additional Credit Program saw a change. Unlike previous years, the module I component was shifted to the next academic year due to time and semester scheduling constraints.

The year began with enthused excitement among students for enrolment in the ACP program. Students were enrolled directly into module 2. Research proposals were invited and mentors were allotted. The format followed this year was that students could choose their area of study and discuss with different potential mentors. Proposals were entertained only after finalization of research topic and approval by mentor

Students enrolled in the year 2016-17 completed their second and third modules this year. Of the sixty six enrolled students, forty five completed their research projects on a variety of topics. Most researched an area from their domain subject and encouragingly many also chose to do their research work in interdisciplinary areas. Some even chose a completely different subject matter to satisfy their areas of passion and test their ability to cross over and research in another field.

Evaluation presentations were held for completed projects in the last week of November in four sessions based on their area of research. The best presentations were awarded with cash prizes.

All the 45 students also completed **30** hours of social service. During this students selflessly rendered their time, effort and services for the benefit of the underprivileged and learnt first hand of the difficulties of the physically and mentally challenged in institutions like NASEOH (National Society For Equal Opportunities For the Handicapped), St. Jude Child Care Centre and Rochiram Thadhani High School for Hearing Handicapped. Some students amongst the current batch are volunteering at BMC schools in Chembur as part of the Computer Literacy Project guided by CACR (Citizens Association for Child Rights).

Challenges, are what make the path of a course worth pursuing. The current challenge before us is to be able to fit in the interdisciplinary module I, within the college timing with due consideration to exam schedule. The able team of ACP is working through these temporary hurdles with optimism.