Research is one of the main contributing factors to the development of a university. It also contributes directly to the progress of nation building especially when it involves the country’s policy and economy. The result of a good research can be presented by way of disseminating the knowledge in lecture room, commercialising the product or it becoming a continuation reference for other researchers. It means that every research is a concept. It can also be a rigid process of propagating knowledge in lecture room only.

JP&I acknowledged the importance of research and as such, the department decided to hold a series of workshops on the availability of grants to researchers so as to provide opportunity and room for them about funds offered by external agencies. The workshops, among others, introduced them to the CREST Grant and APEC International Grant.

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