

DLSU-D researchers submit full-blown proposals to PCHRD

PCHRD experts answer last-minute concerns on proposal submission.

The Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) recently conducted a workshop to support four approved concept proposals from De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D), prior to the submission of full-blown proposals on May 15, 2025.

The activity was part of PCHRD's ongoing efforts to nurture innovative health-related research in the country.

The workshop aimed to refine the proposals through expert guidance and peer input, ensuring alignment with national health priorities and strengthening the research outputs' viability and impact.

The approved DLSU-D proposals include:

Development of a Carbon Nanotube-Modified Dental Composite Adhesive: An Alternative Adhesive for Dental Composite Restorations

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Formulation of a Mandatory After-Operation Psychosocial Intervention for Disaster Responders for Mental Health and Well-being

Team Leader: Ms. Ethel Protomartir-Cacayuran, RGC

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Assessing the Health and Socioeconomic Impact of Early Fibroid Detection: A Holistic Approach with AI-Assisted Diagnosis

Team Members: Dr. Johnny A. Ching (Deputy Provost / COS / BSD), Rolando Barrameda (CICS / CSD), Josephine Eduardo (CICS / CSD), Emelyn Mayuga (CICS / ITD), Maryli Rosas (CICS / ITD), Gerald Jane Salacsacan (ICTC), with 1-2 OB-Gynecologists (DLSMHSI)

Comprehensive Assessment of Dietary Heavy Metals Exposure and Associated Health Risks in Mega Manila, Philippines

Team Members: Asst. Prof. Gideon A. Legaspi (COS / PSD), Assoc. Prof. Susan T. Sta. Ana (COS / PSD), Dr. Kareen Lopez (COS / PSD), Dr. Nelda Nacion (COS / MSD), Dr. Arizaldo Castro (COS / BSD), Asst. Prof. Eiza Shimizu (DLSU Manila)

DLSU-D strengthens Ethics Review Processes in National SOP Workshop

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) took an active role in the Workshop on Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Research Ethics Committees (RECs) held on May 8-9, 2025, at Citadines Roces, Quezon City. The workshop was organized by the Research and Innovation Development Unit (RIDU) in partnership with the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB).

DLSU-D, along with four other participating institutions — Emilio Aguinaldo College-Cavite, Kolehiyo ng Lungsod ng Dasmariñas, Batangas State University, and the University of the Philippines Los Baños — engaged in sessions designed to enhance and refine their respective RECs' SOPs.

The DLSU-D delegation worked on strengthening the university's internal guidelines to further ensure the ethical conduct of research, uphold the safety and rights of human participants, and promote the integrity of research data.

The workshop provided DLSU-D's REC members with the opportunity to review, update, and align their procedures with national standards, fostering consistency, transparency, and quality in ethical review processes.



DLSU-D, RTU Forge Strategic Alliance to Advance Research, Innovation



The two universities explore the transformative potential of research when institutions unite with a common goal.

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) has officially partnered with Rizal Technological University (RTU) to strengthen their research capabilities through a newly signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) facilitated by the DLSU-D University Research Office.

The agreement formalizes a shared commitment to collaborative research, capacity-building, and innovation. A high-level RTU delegation, led by University President Dr. Ma. Eugenia M. Yangco, attended the ceremonial signing alongside key research officials including Dr. Magno Quendangan, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Services, and Dr. Ryan Manuel M. Guido, Director of the Research, Development, and Innovation Office.

Dr. Jose Aims Rocina, director of the DLSU-D University Research Office, emphasized the MoU's goal of fostering impactful, interdisciplinary research. He highlighted initiatives such as joint studies, collaborative publications, shared access to academic resources, and ethics training. Future activities also include joint thesis and dissertation panels, expert-led workshops, and faculty research mentorship.

In her message of support, Dr. Cristina C. Salibay, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the President and Provost of DLSU-D, reaffirmed the university's commitment to advancing a research-driven academic culture. She noted that faculty exchanges and specialized lectures at both undergraduate and graduate levels will enrich learning environments and research productivity at both institutions.

The partnership prioritizes key research areas including natural products, biodiversity, environmental science, space and satellite technology, science education, engineering, and data science. These focus areas reflect a shared vision to produce knowledge that responds to real-world challenges.

Dr. Quendangan expressed optimism for the collaboration, stating that the partnership seeks to generate solutions for societal issues and support inclusive, sustainable development. Dr. Yangco added, "This milestone reflects the transformative potential of research when institutions unite with a shared purpose."

With this strategic alliance, DLSU-D and RTU aim to elevate their research impact, expand funding prospects, and foster innovation that benefits both academic communities and society at large.

DLSU-D doubles publications from 2020-2025; more faculty members now engaged in research

URO vows support for emerging and active faculty researchers

De La Salle University-Dasmariñas has more than doubled its research publications over a five-year period, according to data from the University Research Office (URO).

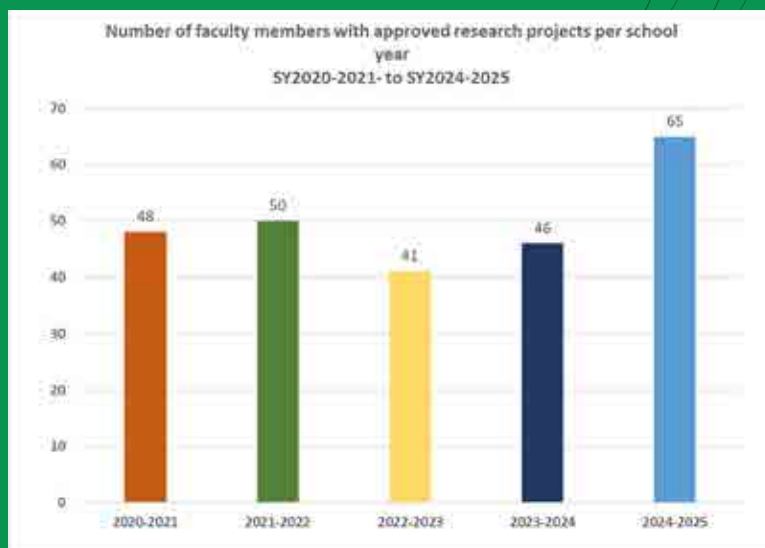
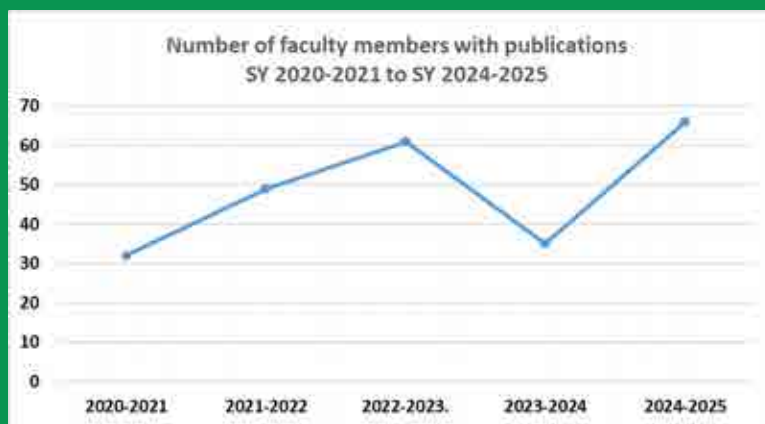
From 32 publications in School Year (SY) 2020–2021, the number rose to 66 by the end of SY 2024–2025.

Records showed a steady increase with 49 publications in 2021 and 61 in 2022. While there was a slight dip to 35 in SY 2023–2024, the figure nearly doubled the following year.

The number of faculty members engaged in research also grew significantly from 48 in SY 2020–2021 to 65 by SY 2024–2025.

Dr. Jose Aims Rocina credits the positive trajectory to more capacity building initiatives and partnerships by the University.

"These numbers are a positive indicator of the growing participation of our faculty in the knowledge economy," said Rocina. "We at the URO will continue to support our researchers by pursuing more opportunities for collaboration and innovation."



URO Director orients faculty and students on Research Manual revisions

University Research Office (URO). Director Dr. Jose Aims Rocina attended College of Liberal Arts and Communication (CLAC) Summit to discuss key sections of the Research Manual for both students and faculty members.

The event was held at Tanghalang Julian Felipe last June 23.

