

SEED FUNDING SCHEME POLICY



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Purpose

Scope and Limits

This policy applies to all persons participating and conducting research and innovation activities under the auspices of the College. The scheme will initially run until June 2020, after which it will be reviewed.

Policy Statements

Objectives: The objectives of the scheme are:

- a. To support young faculty members to initiate research projects that have the potential to attract external funding
- b. To fast-track prospective research projects for external funding by supporting initial/preliminary work
- c. To encourage interdisciplinary research projects
- d. To promote research projects with an intention to get patents
- e. To encourage faculty members without PhD degree to acquire it
- f. To attract and retain talent

Administration of Scheme: College assigns responsibility for the oversight and implementation of the scheme to Dean, Center for Research and Innovation (CRI)

Funds:

- The maximum funding limit for each project is 40,000 INR
- A minimum of six projects will be awarded in each academic year
- Generally, Research Promotion Policy shall apply for the scheme
- Funds will be granted for expenditure towards parts, equipment, fabrication and stationery only. Costs towards travel, software and wages will not be allowed
- All hardware will become property of the College

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Eligibility: The following criteria shall apply:

Experience: Minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 years of experience

Qualification: Preference will be given to faculty without PhD degree

Team: The team size is 2 or 3 of which one shall act as Principal Investigator (PI) and others as Coinvestigators (CI). Interdisciplinary teams will be given preference

Restrictions:

- i. Faculty members with current externally funded projects are not eligible
- ii. A faculty member may avail this funding only twice in their entire career at this College
- iii. At any time, a faculty member can have one running project only under this scheme

Application Process:

- CRI will call for project proposals
- Faculty members submit proposals
- Presentation of projects by PIs before selection committee
- Selection of projects and award of funding
- Submission of project report and closure of project

Selection Criteria:

- Contemporary interdisciplinary projects
- Expertise of the team members
- Likelihood of attracting external funding
- Outcomes of the project
- Budget requirements

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Stipulations:

Expected outcomes:

- Minimal working prototype of products
- Research publications
- Externally funded projects
- Patents

Review and Feedback: Dean, CRI, will propose modifications and improvements to this policy based on experiences, and feedback from stakeholders and others. College Academic Council will review the proposed modifications and incorporate them into the policy. Any questions and feedback may be directed to cri@ksrmce.ac.in

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