



Seed money for Research

Need:

Research needs investment of time and money to take a shape in a higher educational institution. In the context of extreme competition for funding from government and private agencies, it is essential for the institution to support and develop their members of faculty to equip themselves with constructive foundation and support for applying for funding as well as publishing in reputed journals. Hence, seed money helps the members of faculty to do some benchwork and create a basis for a solid and extended proposal to the external funding agency.

Objectives:

- To provide financial support to the members of faculty for undertaking minor research work
- To support faculty with a small and reasonable grant with which they can jumpstart their research work.
- To encourage members of faculty to conduct sufficient research work for obtaining 'proof of concept' or 'proof of experience', which further enables them to apply to external public and private funding agencies

Eligibility:

- All full-time members of faculty of the institution are eligible for this grant
- The proposed area of research must be novel and very little work have been done

Process:

- Interested faculty must submit their proposal in the detailed format to the principal
- The principal refers the proposals to the Research Advisory Committee for scrutiny and review of the proposal
- Faculty of the institution can collaborate and submit a proposal with one of them as the principal investigator and other members as co-investigators

- Only one proposal can be submitted by a faculty per year
- The principal investigators of the shortlisted proposals will be called for a presentation
- The report of the Research Advisory Committee will be released with the final selected proposals
- The rejected proposals can be reworked for resubmission based on the comments/ suggestions of the Research Advisory Committee
- All approved proposals will be given a letter of sanction indicating the amount sanctioned and permitted duration of the work
- Quarterly review of the work shall be conducted to monitor the progress made
- After completion of the proposed work, a completion report along with utilization of sanctioned grant should be submitted.
- If possible and sufficient, the results of work should be sent for a publication or apply for a patent
- Also, the work should be developed further into a full and standard proposal for applying to a public or private funding agency

Note:

- This grant should not be used for the PHD work of the faculty
- This grant cannot be used for attending or conducting conferences and workshops or for payment of registration fee
- Books, equipment, stationery, furniture procured under the Seed Money Grant shall be the property of the Institution
- Any intellectual property generated during the course of such a project shall be subjected to IPR policy of the institution