Seed grant policy

Seed grant policy (Standard Operating Procedure) V 1.0

Preamble

Audisankara College of Engineering and Technology (ASCET) encourages professional development of faculty by extending institutional seed grant for eligible research proposals to strengthen the institutional research capacity by:

- Promoting fundamental Research
- Promoting Faculty and Students on a particular thrust area of research
- Augmenting necessary Equipment's to promote research

Eligibility

- The faculty members applying for the seed grant should have completed minimum of two years of service at the college
- The faculty member applying should not have received grant from the college in the previous two years
- The faculty should have published at least two papers (SCOPUS/ SCI) in the proposed research area in the last two consecutive years
- The project proposal can be submitted individually or jointly (Max. 2 members) who are consistent with the expertise/research area of the proposal. The project proposal can be submitted individually or jointly by faculty members (Max. 2 members) who are consistently working in the area of the research proposal

Selection Criteria

The proposal will be reviewed by a Seed Grant proposal screening Committee which includes an external SMEs, Vice Chairperson, Director (Engg.) & Principal, Director (Research and Development), HoDs and Dean (IQAC). The seed grant will be approved on the recommendations screening Committee. The clarity of the objectives and outcomes, adequacy of budget and impact of beneficiaries are the important indicative criteria for selection.
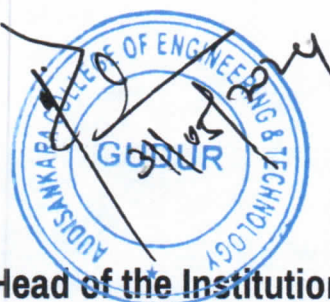
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Terms and conditions

- The project should be completed within a period of two years after the date of release of grant.
- The progress of the project will be reviewed in every three months by a project review committee. A presentation in the department level is mandatory
- A project file should be maintained by faculty for scrutiny and the financial details pertaining to the project will be scrutinized by the team members of accounts
- The equipment/research facility developed will be a part of common research facility
- A project grant of maximum to the tune of Rs.3 lakhs will be awarded to eligible faculty towards CAPEX and consumables. The grant required for consumables will be reviewed by the screening committee and will be limited to 10% of the total grant
- A project completion report should be submitted through the Head of the Department to the Dean Research and the entire proceedings of the meeting should be submitted to the approving authorities following a presentation
- The project done with the seed grant shall emanate the formulation of a full-fledged research proposal to be submitted to the funding agencies
- The project team shall work for a minimum period of two year post the completion of the project and the outcome of the project shall lead to publication(s) in a SCI/Scopus indexed Journal or a patent during their stay. An undertaking stating the above points must be signed by the faculty member. Collaborative research is also permitted from other institutions of national repute and in this case, if there is any joint publication, the first author should be from the ASCET adding one or more researchers in similar lines from ASCET apart from the collaborative institutions
- In case of the non-completion of the project within two-year time, based on the project review committee recommendations the project can be extended for a maximum of six months
- Total number of Projects funded in a year will be maximum three from all the departments put together.
- While submitting the research proposal for seed grant, complete quotation along with comparative analysis shall be enclosed failing which the application will be treated in-complete
- In case, if any of the applicants seeking separation in between, the applicant (s) shall entrust the ongoing research funded by the institution to the other relevant members of the faculty working in ASCET

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