

IIT Hyderabad

Call for Seed Grant Proposals

Seed grants of 25 lakhs or 30 lakhs INR are provided to newly joined Assistant Professors (within 1 year of joining), based on a proposal. Newly joined Associate Professors and Professors are provided with a seed grant of Rs. 5 lakhs, without the need of any proposal.

Submission Guidelines:

A. There are two types of seed grant projects, namely, one with PhD student fellowship included and another without it.

With PhD student fellowship: A maximum amount permissible is 30 Lakhs INR out of which 12 lakhs INR is reserved for the PhD fellowship for a student for 3 years. Institute may support 1 more year fellowship to such PhD students from its IRG. While the seed grant project duration is for two years, PhD fellowship support is for 3 years. If the faculty is not able to select a PhD student, he/she may alternatively take 2 M.Tech. (RAs) instead of a PhD student within the same fellowship amount for a period of 3 years.

In this case, the faculty is not eligible to take any PhD student from the MoE fellowship from the department for one year (two rounds of PhD selection).

The balance 18 Lakhs INR can be distributed under subheads like equipment, consumables, contingency, travel and Equipment user charges. Reappropriation between the subheads is allowed.

Without PhD student Fellowship: If the faculty does not want to take any PhD student from the seed grant, then he/she is eligible to get 25 lakhs INR, which can be distributed under subheads like equipment, consumables, contingency, travel and Equipment user charges. Reappropriation between the subheads is allowed.

Note: *A total of 1% of the final sanctioned amount will be used for conducting an outreach event as a part of Scientific social responsibility under the ambit of Institute Innovation Council. PIs may combine this 1% of the funds with other PIs of seed grants to organize a joint event.*

B. There will be 3 Seed grant rounds in a year (March, July, and November). Last date to submit a proposal for the present November 2022 round is November 15, 2022. All new faculty (at AP level) who have joined in the last one year (from Nov. 1, 2021 onwards) and have not availed the seed grant are eligible to apply. Seed grant projects will be for a period of 2 years (fellowship for 3 years).

C. Proposal should be an executive summary of max. 6 pages as per the format below:

(i) Name of the faculty, Department and Date of joining, (ii) Project Title, (iii) Motivation, Novelty & Objectives, (iv) Methodology & Timelines, (v) Yearly Deliverables, (vi) Budget

D. Each proposal should be accompanied by a latest 2-page CV of the applicant.

Evaluation Guidelines:

1. Each project will be reviewed by two faculty members (one internal and one external) as suggested by the HoD. Dean (SRC) will coordinate this review process.
2. Each PI will make a 5-minute presentation (max. 5 slides) to the evaluation committee comprising the Director, Dean (SRC), HOD and project reviewers.

Project Review:

Each seed grant proposal will be reviewed at the end of first year and also at the end of the project and will be rated a committee duly constituted by the Dean (SRC).