

APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

College of Engineering Trivandrum Campus Thiruvananthapuram - Pin 695 016.

SCHEME FOR RESEARCH SEED MONEY

Introduction

Objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance for initiating research in frontier areas of engineering and technology.

Eligibility (who can apply)

Any faculty member with less than 15 years teaching experience in KTU Affiliated Government Engineering Colleges / Government Aided Colleges / Government Controlled Colleges / Self-financing colleges with at least one NBA accredited Program currently or had accreditation and applied for accreditation in Kerala can apply for financial assistance under this scheme.

Guidelines

1. The application for financial assistance in the prescribed format should be submitted to the **Dean Research, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram -695016.**
2. The investigators are requested to submit a detailed proposal strictly in the "Prescribed Format" to the address mentioned above. Proposals will be scrutinized for recommending for funding by an expert committee.
3. Item wise financial estimates should be mentioned clearly in the proposal submitted, showing rates, quantity and total for each item.

Rules

4. These rules may be called the 'Rules for grant of financial assistance for research seed money to projects of scientific, technological and environmental importance, conducted in the State'.
5. Under these rules, financial assistance will be granted to the investigators having NOT more than 15 years of teaching experience and are working in KTU affiliated Government Engineering colleges/ Government Aided Colleges / Government supported Engineering Colleges / Private colleges having at least one NBA accredited Program for conducting research Projects in Engineering and Technology.
6. Faculty members are eligible to avail this scheme only once in their career.
7. Financial assistance will be limited to specific items of expenditure or to cover a part of the expenditure on the whole function.
8. Funding Norms

- a. The maximum funding eligible for a project is limited to Rs. 2,00,000/-.
- b. Subject to availability of funds, proposal for financial assistance will be screened and approved by the duly constituted committee, which will subsequently be sanctioned by the Dean Research, KTU.
- c. Financial assistance will be released to the investigator through the Principal of the concerned institution.
- d. The progress report and utilization of funds shall be reported every six months.
- e. The final report, statement of expenditure and utilization certificate shall be submitted after successful completion of the project along with the copy of the relevant pages of Bank Pass Book.
- f. The investigators shall make a presentation of the outcome of the research before a committee constituted for the purpose.
- g. The whole or part of the granted money remaining unutilized within the prescribed time limit should be refunded to KTU by remitting back the balance amount.
- h. Utilization certificate and Statement of expenditure (two copies) shall be furnished to The Dean Research, within three months from the last day of the programme. The accounts should be audited by the accounts officer of the institution/Chartered Accountant.
- i. KTU reserves the right to order verification/audit of accounts by any Officer authorized by it and is open to audit by Accountant General. The Accounts shall be kept safely for a minimum period of three years.
- j. The recipient and the institution shall comply, with such other conditions as may be suggested in the 'guidelines' issued in this regard from time to time.
- k. The private self-financing Colleges with atleast one NBA accredited Program currently or had accreditation and applied for accreditation alone will be considered for funding.
- l. No equipment head will be allowed in research funding to private self financing colleges. In special situations, based on recommendations of expert committee, 50% of equipment cost will be reimbursed if and only if the other 50% is shared by the College.
- m. The MoU has to be signed by the Head of private self-financing colleges in Rs. 200/- stamped paper and in case of default of any of the conditions, such College will not be considered for funding in future and steps may be taken to recover the grant amount.