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SEED MONEY POLICY

Preamble

D. Y. Patil Agriculture & Technical University recognizes the importance of internal research funding (Seed Money) to promote innovation, interdisciplinary research, agricultural technology development, externally funded research projects, and high-quality research publications. Seed funding is an institutional initiative to support preliminary research, pilot studies, proof-of-concept development, patent filing, prototype creation, proposal development, and scholarly publications in reputed journals.

Objectives of the Policy

The objectives of the Seed Money Policy are to:

- Encourage quality research among faculty and research scholars.
- Promote publications in reputed, peer-reviewed, indexed journals.
- Support innovative ideas in agriculture, engineering, management, and allied sciences.
- Enable faculty to generate preliminary data for external funding proposals.
- Promote interdisciplinary and industry-linked research.
- Enhance NAAC, NIRF, and research ranking indicators.

Definitions

- Seed Money: Internal financial support provided by the University to initiate research projects
- Principal Investigator (PI): Faculty member leading the project
- Research Publication: Scholarly article published in peer-reviewed, indexed journals (Scopus, Web of Science)
- Proof of Concept: Preliminary validation of innovative idea
- External Funding Agency: Government or private body providing research grants

Scope of the Policy

This policy apply to faculty, staff, post-doctoral fellows who participate in research projects in the university

Policy Statement

- D. Y. Patil Agriculture & Technical University shall allocate an annual budget for Seed Money to promote research excellence and publications of national and international repute.
- Funding shall be awarded based on feasibility, innovation potential, societal relevance.
- Grants shall be awarded with a maximum value of INR 3.0 Lakh. However, it can be increased or decreased depending on decision of Research Project Grant Committee in order to ensure quality of project.
- The duration of the Grant will be maximum 2 years. The investigators will have to present their project proposal in front of the Research Project Grant Committee.
- Research Project Grant Committee shall consist of both internal and external experts as approved by the Vice Chancellor.
- The committee may also act as project monitoring committee, which will review the progress of the projects every three months.
- PIs are required to submit progress reports every three months, utilization certificate and a statement of expenses, culminating in a project completion report.
- The university will then issue a project completion certificate.
- The findings from these studies can be used as a proof of concept to secure external research funding from organizations like ANRF, DBT, DST, ICAR, or international funding bodies.
- The faculty members who avail seed funding will sign an undertaking that he/ she will not leave the university during the complete duration course of the project or else he/she, will refund the funds allocated.



The research grant funding may be used for,

- Equipment
- Laboratory and field data collection
- Data and software
- Chemicals and consumables

Procedure for Research Grant

- Submission of proposal in the prescribed proforma Annexure I
- Presentation to the Research Project Grant Committee (the duration of presentation and interaction will be 15 minutes followed with a discussion).

Expected Research Outcome

Potential for extra mural funding, Possibility of patents, Prototype development, Research publications (minimum 2 Q1 with IF>5), new research collaborations etc.

Dr.Namita S. Patil
Designation:Director R&D

Prof. Dr. Anilkumar S. Gupta
Designation: Vice Chancellor



Annexture I

Seed Money Proposal Submission Form		
Proposed Title of the Project	:	
Name of PI	:	
Name of Co-PI	:	
Total Budget of the Proposal	:	
Forwarded Through Channel		
Forwarded by the Respective HOD (Department) and Dean (School)		
Signature of HOD		Signature of Dean
Reviewed and Forwarded by Director - Research and Development		
Observations on research proposal:	Signature:	
Recommended by Experts		
	Signature:	
	Signature:	
	Signature:	
	Signature:	
Final Approval by Honourable Vice-Chancellor		

1. General Information

1.1 Project title:

1.2 Principal Investigator (PI) Details

- Full Name:
- Department/Faculty:
- Designation/Position:
- Contact Information:
 - Email Address:
 - Telephone/Mobile Number:
- Academic Qualifications:
- Brief Professional Profile: Include relevant research experience, expertise, and previous projects related to this proposal.
- Roles and Contributions: Specify the expected roles and responsibilities of each Principal investigator or collaborator in the project

1.3 Co-Investigators (if any)

- Full Name:
- Department/Faculty:
- Designation/Position:
- Contact Information:
 - Email Address:
 - Telephone/Mobile Number:
- Academic Qualifications:
- Brief Professional Profile: Include relevant research experience, expertise, and previous projects related to this proposal.
- Roles and Contributions: Specify the expected roles and responsibilities of each co-investigator or collaborator in the project

2. Background and Rationale

Review of the Status of Research and Development in the Proposed Topic:

International and National Status (it is mandatory to include the last 3-year publications (50%), minimum 500 words)

3. Research Objectives

4. Research Questions/Hypotheses (if any)

5. Methodology

6. Expected Outcomes and Impact

7. Work Plan

Sr. No	Objectives/ Milestones	Months				
		0	6	12	18	24
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						

8. Ethical Considerations

9. References

References-(more than 50% references should be within last 3 years, APA style)

10. Equipment Available with the Department for the project:



Name of Equipment	Model, Make & Year of Purchase	Remarks, including accessories available and current usage of equipment

11. Budget Details (year-wise Distribution) (Recurring and non-recurring)

(A) Recurring			
Item	Budget (Rs.)		Total
	I Year	II Year	
1. Manpower			
2. Consumables			
3. Contingencies			
4. Travel			
5. Other Costs			
Total (A)*			

(B) Non-Recurring			
Equipment Details	Budget (Rs.)		Total
	I Year	II Year	
1.			
2.			
3.			
3.			
4.			
Total (B)*			
Total (A+B) *			

*Includes GST, transport, insurance, and installation charges



12. Justification for Expenditure

Head	Justification
1. Manpower	
2. Consumables	
3. Contingencies	
4. Travel	
5. Other Costs	
6. Equipment	

Certificate by Principal Investigator

It is certified that:

1. I have not submitted the same project proposal elsewhere for financial assistance.
2. The project work is feasible at the constituent unit of the university, and I agree to complete the project in the stipulated period.
3. The unspent money, if any, will be refunded to the university immediately after the completion of the project period.
4. I agree to submit ethics clearance from the concerned ethics committee if the project involves field trials/experiments/exchange of specimens, human and animal materials.
5. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the university.

Signature of Principal Investigator

Name:

Date:

Undertaking by Principal Investigator

I (**Name of PI**) hereby certify that the research proposal titled (**Title of the Project**) submitted for possible funding by DYPUT under the Seed Money Scheme is my original idea and has not been copied/taken verbatim from anyone or from any other sources. I further certify that this proposal has been checked for plagiarism through a plagiarism detection tool, i.e, Turnitin plagiarism software approved by the DYPUT, and the contents are original and not copied/taken from any one or many other sources. I am aware of the UGC Regulations on prevention of Plagiarism, i.e., University Grant Commission (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulation, 2018. I also declare that there are no plagiarism charges established or pending against me in the last five years. If the DYPUT notices any plagiarism or any other discrepancies in the above proposal of mine, I would abide by whatever action is taken against me by DYPUT, as deemed necessary.

Signature of Principal Investigator

Name:

Date: