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Seed Money Policy

Gayatri Vidya Parishad College for Degree and PG Courses (A) framed a policy on '**Seed Money Grant**' to facilitate preliminary research and nurture research culture among the Faculty Members of the Institute. The Faculty Members can pursue their preliminary research to obtain funds/projects from various Government and Non-Government agencies. On the other hand, the faculty members are motivated to carry out contemporary and inter-disciplinary research.

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- To provide seed money grant for initiating preliminary research by faculty members.
- To encourage as well as to motivate researchers in conducting preliminary research and support their novel ideas for instilling confidence in research directions.
- To prepare faculty members to apply for National/International calls for obtaining Grants to carry out contemporary and multi-disciplinary research.
- To publish their research findings in Scopus or Web of science indexed peer reviewed journals.

Nature and Duration of Support:

The Seed Money shall be a one-time grant for one year and covers support in procurement of chemicals, software, consumables, field visits, data collection, analysis, publication support, testing charges etc.

Terms and Guidelines:

- Faculty Members with minimum two years of experience in the college are eligible to apply for seed money grants.
- The Maximum amount of grant under seed money will be of Rs. 2,00,000/-
- Proposals for Seed Money Grant are invited by the Research and Development Cell once in a year across all the Programmes.
- Faculty Members can submit their Proposals as per the template (Annexure 1) with an approval from their Heads of the Department and respective Director.
- After the receipt of the proposals, R&D Cell shall schedule a screening committee meeting with the seed money grant selection committee constituted by the Principal to review proposals.





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- After recommendations from the seed money grant selection committee, the final approval is granted by the Principal and Management.
- Based on the availability of the budget, the number of approvals for Seed Money Grant shall vary on a yearly basis.

The monitoring of policy implementation pertaining to Seed Money Grant shall be routed through an appropriate administrative chain, namely:


- Sanction Letter shall be issued to the PI from R&D Cell
- After the receipt of sanction letter, 50% of the sanctioned amount will be released.
- All expenses related to Seed Money Grant shall be maintained in a separate file by the Principal Investigator and his/her Team.
- A midterm evaluation will be conducted after 6 months of sanction by the expert committee to check the progress of project work.
- Based on the recommendations of expert committee and utilization statement given by Principal Investigator, balance 50% of the grant will be released.
- It is the responsibility of PI to provide all bills duly certified for the expenditure incurred for the project to the accounts team on a timely manner.

Deliverables:

- Publication in Scopus or Web of Science Journals.
- Utilization of results/findings from preliminary research to apply for grant of research projects from government or non-government external funding agencies
- Formulation of Research Clusters/Groups leading to the growth of faculty members in research and patents.

All the Departments shall be equipped to perform independent research and demonstrate effective research management skills. This leads to Faculty Members engaging consistently, continuously and proactively in conducting high quality and transformational research by making available the results for peers to set the stage for solving practical/societal problems of national importance.




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