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Seed Money Policy for Research & Development

"Seed Money" for carrying out Experimentation in Research Laboratories and associated Research activities will be provided for supporting and Encouraging Research culture in the institution. The Research activities realized through this seed money may pave way to write a project proposal for external funding. SRGEC formulated policy to grant Seed Money for R&D.

I. Objectives:

- (a) To motivate faculty on Research and Development.
- (b) To Promote Collaborative efforts of faculty to improve Research.
- (c) To Strengthen Research Centers with infrastructure and facilities.
- (d) To facilitate Patent filings by faculty.

II. Eligibility:

The eligible criteria will be as follows:

- (a) The applicant(s) shall be Regular Faculty
- (b) Research Projects should be undertaken by those faculties who do not have any external funded Research Projects.

III. Policy and Procedure for grant of Seed Money:

- (a) The application for financial assistance in the prescribed format should be submitted to Principal through proper channel (through concerned Head).
- (b) At any time, a PI can submit only one application. However, he/she can be a co-investigator in more than one proposal.
- (c) The maximum eligible funding for a project shall be limited to Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs) for Engineering Department and Rs.1,00,000/-(Rupees One lakh) for Basic Sciences & Humanities
- (d) The investigators need to submit a detailed proposal in the "prescribed Format" within 2 Months from the beginning of the academic session (August- September). The proposal shall be scrutinized and recommended for funding by the expert committee as constituted by the Principal.
- (e) Item wise financial estimates should be mentioned clearly in the proposal submitted, showing rates, quantity and total for each item. i.e., Minor equipment, expenditure for consumables, fieldwork / travel and other expenses for a project.

- (f) No Expenditure on the following is permissible under the scheme.
 - 1. Instruments /equipment costing more than Rs 50,000/-
 - 2. Laptop, computer, printer.
 - 3. Recruitment of manpower: Research Fellow/Project Assistant
- (g) Proposal for financial assistance will be screened and approved by the duly constituted committee, which will subsequently be sanctioned by the Principal.
- (h) The progress report and utilization of funds shall be submitted every six months.
- (i) On completion of the Research Project, the investigators shall publish their findings in SCI/Scopus indexed journals.
- (j) In any research communication arising out of the funded project, the contribution of the Institute should be duly acknowledged
- (k) The final report, statement of expenditure and utilization certificate shall be submitted after successful completion of the project.
- (l) The duration of the project shall not exceed two years. Extension of six months may be permitted to the recommendations of the expert committee.
- (m) The Recipient and the institution shall comply, with such other conditions as may be suggested in the 'guidelines' issued in this regard form time to time.

(n) The decision of the Principal shall be the final and binding in all respects.

Principal PRINCIPAL Seshadri Rao

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