

## **Internal funding opportunities**

A fund of Rs 5,00,000 is being set aside for the first year, to support faculty members in their research and collaborative efforts, including participation in prestigious conferences.

### **Grant for supporting research**

1. An internal call for grants would be announced thrice a year – in January, May and September. All the received proposals will be evaluated in the last week of the respective months. The proposals may be submitted to the committee throughout the year but would be evaluated only three times in a year – last week of January, May and September. The proposals will be reviewed and evaluated within a period of fifteen days. However, any sudden unforeseen need for grant will be considered as a special case for which concerned faculty member has to satisfy the IGC of the urgency for such a grant support.
2. The upper limit for the support grant for the initial year would be Rs 50,000, to be used for direct expenses as budgeted under heads in the original proposal. Any deviation of funds from one head to another would require a pre-approval from the committee and the accounts officer.
3. Following factors will be given consideration for supporting the proposal, which shall be evaluated by the Internal Grants Committee (IGC):
  - Proposal having elements of inter-, multi-disciplinarity
  - Grant for young faculty members (Assistant Professor) to kick-start their research
  - Primary research data generation
  - Additional money required to support on-going research
  - A proposal having a potential leading to larger research funding
  - Publishing cost for coloured reprints or any activity to support a publication/working paper.
4. Any unutilized resources would be carried forward to the next cycle of funding.
5. The recipient of the grant for research support will not be eligible to apply for another internal grant in the following year.
6. The research output produced or supported by the grant need to be highlighted in the form of a report and output of the funding be presented at one of the forums such as University Seminar, Lunch and Learn etc. to the entire faculty of the University.

Proposals are invited from the faculty member seeking support under this grant. The proposal should essentially highlight the statement of purpose, need, benefits to the institute, any potential in attracting larger research grants, and finally it should highlight how the funds shall be utilised, impact of the grants (short-term and long-term) - a document that is required to be submitted after the utilisation of funds. The above information should be covered under the following heads

- Purpose
- Details of the proposed work
  - Scope and objective(s)
  - Brief outline of the proposed work
  - Expected outcome(s)

### **Grant for Conference Participation**

1. A maximum sum of Rs 2,00,000 per year would be available to support the participation costs of faculty members in conferences and workshops.
2. Each faculty member would have a budgetary ceiling of Rs 25,000 per year for attending National Conference and Rs 40,000 per year for attending International Conference for this purpose. The travel allowance will be as permissible according to the UGC rules for Professor, Associate Professor or Assistant Professor.

Following factors will be given consideration for supporting the proposal, which shall be evaluated by the Internal Grants Committee (IGC):

- The relevance of the Conference/Workshop subject matter with discipline in which faculty member is working
- Grant for young faculty members (Assistant Professor) to present their work
- It should be an event of international repute with recognized speaker lists
- Skill learning training programme/workshop for faculty members
- The faculty member should have a significant role in the event – either as a speaker/paper presenter or as a Chair/moderator.

### **For Student participation in Conferences/Workshops**

A fund of Rs 2,00,000 is also being set aside for student related expenses.

1. Each programme of the TERI University would have a budgetary ceiling of Rs 30,000 to be expended on either paper presentations by select students, subsidizing travel costs, or organizing events. Each student would have a budgetary ceiling of Rs 10,000 per year for this purpose. The travel allowance will be as per the UGC guidelines for PhD scholars and PG students.
2. The Supervisor for doctoral candidates who have completed their comprehensive examination may nominate the student to IGC for the final approval of grant. Following may be considered as factors for identifying the most eligible candidate
  - Merit
  - Value addition to the overall research objectives for the doctoral student
  - Training programme to learn a new skill set required for the doctoral research
3. The programme coordinator in consultation with supervisor for Masters' Programme may nominate PG student to the IGC for final approval of grant for participation in any relevant academic event/conference/workshop/Quiz/Competition.

Full accounts would need to be submitted to TU Administration on the utilization of these resources and due care taken to minimize expenditure.

These guidelines will be reviewed periodically