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ACU SEED GRANT Information Brochure

**From Diversity to Discovery: Uniting Fields for
Transformative Innovations**

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1. ACU Seed Grant

The ACU seed grant is a funding initiative to encourage faculty to pursue competitive research in emerging areas of national and international importance. A maximum value of ₹. 5 lakhs is awarded to support research activities under the following schemes:

1. Multidisciplinary/Transdisciplinary Research.
2. Process/Product Development.

2. Objectives

1. To support the faculty to initiate their research activities at ACU.
2. To promote multidisciplinary/transdisciplinary research among the faculty.
3. To encourage faculty to develop innovative products and processes.
4. To inspire faculty to generate Intellectual Property Rights.
5. To validate innovative ideas/concepts to generate preliminary results before submitting proposals to external funding agencies.
6. To create strong interdisciplinary research groups.
7. To attract and retain talent.

3. Duration

The maximum duration of the seed grant is two years from the date of sanction.

4. Eligibility Criteria for Multidisciplinary/Transdisciplinary Research

1. ACU faculty with MD/MS/Ph.D. degree irrespective of designation.
2. Faculty who have completed project(s) or having ongoing Intra-Mural (seed) projects will not be considered.
3. Faculty who have submitted research proposals to funding agencies and awaiting results are eligible to apply.

5. Eligibility Criteria for Process/Product Development

All faculty are eligible to apply recurrently.

6. Submission and Evaluation Process:

Proposals are to be submitted in prescribed format (Annexure-I) to the Registrar, ACU. The submitted proposals would be evaluated by an expert committee and considered for approval.

7. Work flow



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8. Project Review and Monitoring:

1. The progress report should be submitted every six months.
2. There will be a progress review meeting with an expert committee.
3. Release of the subsequent fund will be approved based on the progress of work and the recommendations from the expert committee.
4. On the completion of the project, the expert committee will recommend the Principal Investigator to take necessary action based on the outcome of the project.

9. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables

The outcome needs to be at least one of the below:

1. A minimum of two research publications in reputed journals with good impact factor.
2. Intellectual Property Right (IPR) for the process/product development with ACU as the applicant and investigators as an inventor(s).
3. Start-up through ACU-ICE.
4. Submit research proposals to external funding agencies.

10. Guidelines

1. Travel and manpower heads are not applicable under the seed grant. However, based on the nature of the project the committee may permit travel expenses on a case-by-case basis.
2. Any change in the procurement of equipment against the approved item(s) would require prior approval from the Dean research.
3. Procurement of any equipment/consumables is to be done through the ACU purchase policy.
4. The progress review meeting will be scheduled and intimated in advance and the Principal Investigator should take responsibility for the progress of the project.
5. If the Principal Investigator leaves the institute during the project duration the Dean (Research) will assign another faculty in consultation with the expert committee.
6. All the publications arising out of the seed grant should acknowledge ACU as follows:
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