



# ADICHUNCHANAGIRI UNIVERSITY



# **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.

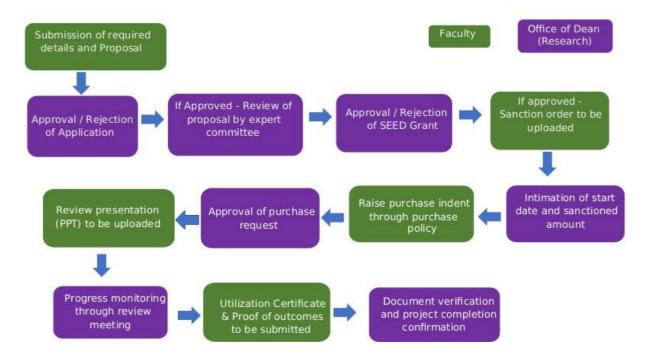
#### 6. Submission and Evaluation Process:

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: The author(s) acknowledge ACU for providing ACU SEED GRANT for carrying out this research work.

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