

NOORUL ISLAM CENTRE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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‘SCHEME FOR RESEARCH SEED MONEY’



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NICHE-SCHEME FOR RESEARCH SEED MONEY

Introduction

The objective of the scheme for research seed money is to provide financial assistance to initiate research in frontier areas of engineering and technology. Research seed funds are intended to support activities necessary to advance competitive research proposals, such as performing preliminary work and facilitating collaboration. It is expected that a competitive proposal for a sizable project will be submitted to an external funding organization within a year of the completion of the research seed fund period. Research seed fund proposals should identify the programme and agency to which a future proposal will be submitted, describe the research project in language understandable to faculty reviewers, delineate how the research seed fund activity will result in a more competitive proposal, and include a budget for the research seed grant and a timeline for submission to an external funding organization.

Eligibility

Young faculty members working as Assistant Professor in the Noorul Islam Centre for Higher Education (NICHE) are eligible for availing the the scheme for research seed money.

Criteria for Selection

The overall merit of the research project will be considered and evaluated by a committee of faculty experts who will make their award recommendations to the Director-Research, NICHE. The final selection will be made based on the following criteria:

- Intrinsic merit of the work and potential impact of the research on the academic field of study
- Potential for the award to provide a basis for further research support from external sponsors
- Likelihood that the proposed work will be completed during the award period

Guidelines

1. The application for financial assistance in the prescribed format should be submitted to the Director-Research, NICHE, Kumaracoil - 629180.
2. The investigators are requested to submit a detailed proposal in the “Prescribed Format” in the address mentioned above, so as to enable, NICHE to scrutinize and sanction proposals recommended for funding by the committee.
3. Item wise financial estimates should be mentioned clearly in the proposal submitted, showing rates, quantity and total for each item.

Funding Norms

- a. The maximum eligible funding for a project is limited to Rs. 20, 000/-.
- b. Subject to availability of funds, proposal for financial assistance will be screened and approved by the duly constituted committee, which will subsequently be sanctioned by the Director Research, NICHE.

- c. Financial assistance will be released to the investigator through the Registrar of NICHE.
- d. The progress report and utilization of funds shall be reported every six months.
- e. The final report, statement of expenditure and utilization certificate shall be submitted after successful completion of the project along with the copy of the bills and vouchers to NICHE.
- f. The investigators shall make a presentation of the outcome of the research before a committee constituted for the purpose at NICHE.
- g. The whole or part of the granted money remaining unutilized within the prescribed time limit should be refunded to NICHE by remitting back the balance money.
- h. Utilization certificate and statement of expenditure (two copies) shall be furnished to “The Director- Research, NICHE” within three months from the last day of the project period.
- i. The NICHE reserves the right to order verification/audit of accounts by any Officer authorized by it and is open to audit by Finance officer. The Accounts shall be kept safely for a minimum period of three years.
- j. The recipient and NICHE shall comply, with such other conditions as may be suggested in the ‘guidelines’ issued in this regard from time to time.

Rules and Conditions to be Followed While Granting Seed Money to the Recipients at NICHE

- 1. Inclusion of travel grant for data collection under seed grant is permitted.
- 2. The project is limited for a maximum of one year.
- 3. Progress report for every six months need to be submitted to Director Research, NICHE in the form of budget utilization and achieving the objectives.

Proposal Evaluation Committee

Committee will be composed of the following members:

- 1. Director-Research-Chairman
- 2. Minimum Two Subject Experts-Members
- 3. Expert from External - Member

Project Execution

The investigator will carry out the work as per the approved proposal and will be submitting the details as mentioned above. The project can be supported by any other external agency. The details of such support need to be reported without fail to the office of the Director-Research, NICHE immediately.

Appendix –A

Application format for NICHE Seed Money Scheme

A. Applicants details

1. Name of the applicant :

2. Department :

2. Designation

Faculty

Time Research Scholar

Final Year UG/PG Student

(Please tick any one)

3. Date of Birth

(Date

month

year)

4. Mobile Number :

5. Email ID :

B. Details of Project PROPOSAL

1.	Title of the Proposal	
2.	Duration <i>(minimum 3 months to maximum 12 months)</i>	
3.	Research Objectives (in Bulletins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">•••	
4.	Tentative Budget <i>(Amount in Rupees)</i>	
5.	Review Status (National and International Level) <i>(Text Should Not Exceed Half Page)</i>	

6.	Methodology and Research Plan <i>(Text Should Not Exceed Half Page)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Abstract (In 300 words)</i> 2. <i>Introduction</i> 3. <i>Experimental work to be carried out</i> 4. <i>Deliverables/outcome at the end of the research</i>
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C. Budget Estimates

Sl.No.	Name of the Minor Equipment Chemicals/Software Packages to be Purchased Under This Grant	Estimated Cost (in Rupees)
1.		
2.		
Title of the Experimental/Characterization Work to be Carried Out (Outside the Campus of NICHE)		
1.		
2.		

Note

- *Normal purchase procedure will be followed for purchase of minor equipment/chemicals/software packages under this grant.*

D. Justification *(Text Should Not Exceed Half Page)*

Justification for the purchase/use of the proposed minor equipment/chemicals/software and Experimental/Characterization work to be carried out (outside the campus of NICHE)

I hereby certify that the contents of this research proposal presented under the NICHE seed money scheme are correct and details provided are genuine up to my entire satisfaction.

Place :

Date: (Signature and Name of the Applicant)

Terms and Conditions

- The applicant should not possess any other research grant funded by Government/Non-Government agencies.
- For all the plans for purchasing the minor equipments, chemicals and software packages, a minimum of three quotations obtained from reputed agents or sellers should be attached and comparative statements of all the three quotations should be submitted along with this proposal.
- For experiments/characterization to be carried out outside the campus of NICHE, upon approval of the submitted proposal, the payment will be reimbursed to the applicant after submission of filled-in claim form and original bills.
- If needed, the applicant may be called to make a power point presentation for evaluation purpose.
- The research committee members hold the full responsibility in accepting/declining the seed money proposals being submitted.
- Seed money proposals which are found to be plagiarized will be duly rejected without carrying out the evaluation process. Any rejected proposal with or without modification will not be considered further.
- The final budget allocation of each proposal solely depends on the final approval to be received from research board members.

I hereby certify that I agree to the terms and conditions of NICHE seed money scheme.

Place :

Date:

(Signature and Name of the Applicant)

For Office Use Only

Comments from research board members

Expert Committee Member-1

Expert Committee Member-2

Expert Committee Member-3

Expert Committee Member - External

Director (Research)

Registrar

Vice Chancellor