

CENTRE FOR ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
College of Engineering Trivandrum Campus
Thiruvananthapuram. Pin 695 016

Scheme for Research Seed Money

Introduction

The objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to initiate research in frontier areas of engineering and technology.

Eligibility (who can Apply)

Any faculty who is currently working in Government Engineering Colleges/ Government Aided Colleges in Kerala can apply for financial assistance under this scheme.

Guidelines

1. The application for financial assistance in the prescribed format should be submitted in triplicate to the Director, CERD, College of Engineering Trivandrum campus, Thiruvananthapuram. Pin 695016
2. The investigators are requested to submit a detailed proposal in the "Prescribed Format" in the address mentioned above **at least 90 days prior to** the start date of the project, so as to enable, CERD 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.

Rules

1. These rules may be called the 'Rules for grant of financial assistance for research seed money to projects of scientific, technological and environmental importance, conducted in the State'.
2. Under these rules Financial assistance may be granted to the investigators who are working Government Engineering Colleges/ Government Aided Colleges in Kerala for conducting research projects in Engineering and Technology.
3. Financial assistance may be limited to specific items of expenditure or to cover a part of the expenditure on the whole function.

4. **Funding Norms**

- a. The maximum will be eligible funding for a project is limited to **Rs.2,00,000/-**.
- 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, CERD.
- c. Financial assistance will be released to the investigator through the Principal of the concerned institution.
- 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 alongwith the copy of the relevant pages of Bank Pass Book.
- f. The investigators shall make a presentation of the outcome of the research before a committee constituted for the purpose.
- g. The whole or part of the granted money remaining unutilized within the prescribed time limit should be refunded to CERD by remitting back the balance amount.
- h. Utilization certificate and Statement of expenditure (two copies) shall be furnished to **The Director, CERD** within three months from the last day of the programme. The accounts should be audited by the accounts officer of the institution/Chartered Accountant.
- i. The CERD reserves the right to order verification/audit of accounts by any Officer authorized by it and is open to audit by Accountant General. The Accounts shall be kept safely for a **minimum period of three years**.
- j. The recipient and the institution shall comply, with such other conditions as may be suggested in the 'guidelines' issued in this regard from time to time.