

Team-Based Research in Specific Discipline/ Field

Objective

- The objective of the Scheme is to promote research in a specific discipline, requiring complementary expertise.
- Collaboration between academics within a Department/ School/ Faculty/ Institution is an integral part of the scheme.

Financial Provision

- The Scheme covers financial assistance up to a maximum of MRU 5.0 m over a three-year period.
- The grant must be used for funding the operating expenses directly related to carrying out the research project.

Conditions/ Criteria

- Academics with a Master's qualification.
- The proposed research must be in a specific discipline requiring complementary expertise.
- The Research proposal will be assessed on the:
 - ❖ quality, including the breadth, depth and novelty of the proposal,
 - ❖ likely outcomes of the project and anticipated benefits to the institution,
 - ❖ track record of the researchers involved and their capacity to deliver the anticipated outcomes,
 - ❖ ability of the project to build new capability areas in the institution,
 - ❖ training of postgraduate research students (Masters by Research, PhDs, Post-doctoral),
 - ❖ extent to which the initiative will enable the team to compete for major external funding and resources.

Implementation Modalities

- Applicants will be invited through call for proposals to submit their research priorities on the basis of the strength of the proposals.
- Each research proposal must have a principal investigator and be supported by a
 - clear and detailed description of the research problem,
 - the methodology to be adopted, timetable/ Gantt Chart,
 - annual implementation plans including targets, budget and deliverables, performance indicators, to be able to report progress on a half-yearly basis.
- The proposal should be submitted directly to the Executive Director, TEC.

Funding Mechanism

- At the end of each year, progress made will be assessed by a Technical Committee at the level of TEC.

- Grant will be released annually to the institution based on their implementation/ expenditure plan and, 4-monthly and annual progress reports respectively.
- 20% of the budget for the final year of the project will be retained for disbursement upon receipt of a copy of the Final Report and evidence of submission of at least one publication.

Note:

- Funds for the project will be disbursed through the institution.
- The proposed project must not currently be in receipt of significant funding from another source.
- Project funding will not cover the salaries/ stipends/ allowances of the principal and co-researchers.
- In case of poor and unsatisfactory progress, the Commission may at any point in time cease funding of the project.

Expected Output/ Outcome

- Creation of a collaborative research environment.
- Build new research capability and research areas.
- Enhanced potential to compete successfully for external funding.
- Recognition by the research community.
- Training of university students.
- Dissemination of research findings to the public at large.
- At least one publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

At the End of the Research

Submit to the Commission a full report of output/ outcome of the research/ project through the Head of the Institution to the Commission.