



# Utkal Research Grants to Young Faculty for Innovative Proposals

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### About the Grant:

In order to boost research and innovation and to keep continuity of research amongst the young faculty members of Utkal university, the University Research Council (URC) invites applications from young faculty of Utkal University and some of its affiliated colleges for a one-time seed funding of up to 1 lakh rupees. This fund aims to help young members of faculty to continue their research work until they secure funding from relevant national and international funding agencies. The URC also invites proposals with innovative & out of the box ideas at a grant of maximum of Rs. 2 lakhs per proposal. These are proposals that can be immediately translated into commercial or large scale societal application products/processes/ systems. The above funding allocations are to be met out of University's own resources.

### Eligibility:

- Faculty eligibility is limited to faculty working in Utkal University and its affiliated/constituent colleges.
- Affiliated College would mean only those recognized by the UGC under 2F, 12B. Further in this category, DDCE, University Law College, M.S. Law College shall be included.
- Maximum age limit of the faculty is to be limited to 40 years. Those born on or after January 1, 1974 are eligible for award in 2016.
- The number of approved proposals from the faculty of affiliated colleges will be limited to 20% of the total number of seed funding approved in that year.
- If, during an academic year, no proposal is found suitable from the affiliated colleges, the grant can be utilised for university faculty.

### Application & Evaluation Procedure

- The researcher/PI will have to submit a proposal of research or innovation in a prescribed format (attached).
- The format can also be downloaded from [www.utkaluniversity.nic.in/facultygrant](http://www.utkaluniversity.nic.in/facultygrant)
- Completed applications can be e-mailed to [director.rndutkal@gmail.com](mailto:director.rndutkal@gmail.com) [Director R& D, Utkal University]
- The research grants will be designated for selected proposals only.
- The proposals will be evaluated by two external referees and then put to the URC with the referee reports for funding. The Proposer may have to defend the proposal in URC. In case deemed necessary, URC will have invited expert members while considering the proposals.
- On receiving recommendation of URC, the University will issue sanction letter to the applicant. All financial and administrative procedures of the university with respect to funded project will apply. The awarded projects will have to provide half-yearly progress reports as well as closing report with audited accounts.
- In case no proposal is found suitable, no grant will be made.

### Seed Research Funding:

- The quantum of support for seed funding available to each researcher will be limited to Rs. 1 lakh.
- The duration of the Seed funding project will be limited to 12- 24 months.
- Grant Applications must be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
- The seed research grant can be utilised for basic equipment needed for the work, contingent expenditure. 10% of the grant can be used for travel related to the project.
- Annually, the university will organise a seminar of the PIs who will present and discuss their results with eminent experts in the proposed field.

### Innovative Out of the Box Ideas: Funding & Realisation

- The quantum of support for the innovative "Out of the Box" research scheme will be limited to Rs 2 lakhs per proposal. These are proposals that can be immediately translated into commercial or large scale societal application products/processes/ systems.
- The innovative projects will be for a period of maximum 18-months.
- Grant Applications can be submitted at any time of the academic calendar year.

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