



GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY



SEED MONEY SCHEME (SMS)

FOR

MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT



Gujarat Technological University

(Accredited with A+ Grade by NAAC)

Policy Document on

Seed Money Scheme (SMS)

For Minor Research Projects

(Effective from Financial Year 2024-25)



Background

Gujarat Technological University (GTU) is established in 2007 as a technological university with the objectives of developing knowledge of science, engineering, technology, management for the advancement of the quality of life of the mankind by creating centers and institutions of excellence in the above mentioned academic domains. Recently GTU has received A+ Grade in the NAAC first cycle.

GTU is a State University with More than 420 affiliated colleges in its fold operating across the state of Gujarat through its FIVE zones at Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Rajkot and Surat. The University caters to the fields of Engineering, Architecture, Management, Pharmacy and Computer Science. The University has about 4,00,000 students enrolled in a large number of Diploma, Under Graduate, Post Graduate programs along with the robust Doctoral program. GTU has successfully started its post Graduate Schools in the area of Engineering, Management, Pharmacy and Biotechnology and offering very unique AICTE/PCI approved programs. GTU believes that...

“Literature offers the thrill of minds of great clarity wrestling with the endless problems and delights of being human. To engage with them is to engage with oneself, and the lasting rewards are not confined to specific career paths.”



Vision

To be a global university for the creation and dissemination of knowledge and Innovation in Science & Technology, Humanities and Multidisciplinary domains for sustainable development and enrichment of human life.

Mission

1. To develop centres of academic excellence at university premises and at affiliated colleges in domains of science, engineering, technology, management, and environment for imparting comprehensive education, training, and research infrastructure as per the nation's requirements.
2. To build resources, facilities, proficiencies and other related infrastructure of global standard for the development of knowledge, skills, and competencies in the various educational domains.
3. To develop research-oriented pedagogy for flourishing ideas and to nurture innovators, entrepreneurs and professionals of tomorrow.
4. To build and enhance collaborations with other academic, research, industry, and government organizations as well as NGOs across the globe so that education, training and research at university and its affiliated colleges become aligned with national and global level requirements.
5. To encourage multidisciplinary research and develop flexible learning ecosystem.

Core Values

1. Excellence with value-based education.
2. Responsiveness to society.
3. Integrity and transparency.
4. Mutual Respect.
5. Sustainable development.



1. Introduction:

Research and Development is a systematic process of basic and applied research to discover a solution for problems faced by society or creating new knowledge and products. It may result in the form of patents, research publications and copyright etc. Seed Money Scheme (SMS) has been initiated by Gujarat Technological University to provide minor research grants in different areas to motivate Faculty Members to enhance their research interests, which may lead to major research proposals for submission to National/ International funding agencies. Seed Money Scheme (SMS) is designed to stimulate competitive research in strategic areas of national or international importance, to promote innovative product and technology development, and/or to facilitate the social science research for the betterment of society at large.

2. Objectives of Seed Money Scheme (SMS):

2.1: To promote and the research activities of PG school faculties of various departments of Schools and Research Centers of university to initiate or continue their research activities.

2.2: To encourage interdisciplinary research among various Programs of PG Schools of University.

2.3: To promote inter-faculty collaboration in emerging areas.

2.4: To promote generation of IPR and product/process development.

2.5: To test a novel idea and to generate preliminary results before submitting funding proposals to external agencies.

3. Eligibility for Seed Money Scheme (SMS)

3.1: The faculty member (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, and Director/Principal) must be serving at any departments of Schools or PG Research Centres or Innovation Council or constituent institute of University on regular/contractual basis at the time of application.

3.2: The scheme is applicable to all regular or contractual faculty members only.

3.3: The scheme is applicable to those faculty member only who did not receive any grant for research projects from external funding agencies during last five years.



4. Financial Assistance and Duration of Project under Seed Money Scheme:

4.1: The financial assistance of Maximum INR 1,00,000 will be given to the faculty member under this scheme for approved project.

4.2: The duration of the project under this scheme is maximum of 1 year as per the date mentioned in the sanction letter issued on the name of Principal Investigator.

4.3: The project duration would be extendible by a maximum of 3 months if requested by Principal Investigator with the recommendation of respective Director/Principal of PG School/Innovation Council prior to one month of project submission date with proper justification and would be subject to approval of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

5. Disbursement and Utilization of Grant under Seed Money Scheme:

5.1: The grant amount will be disbursed by university only after submission of sanction letter of the project to the account section. The 50% grant amount will be disbursed by university at the time of submission of sanction letter to account section and remaining 50% will be disbursed after successful submission of the project within the time limit as well as submission of utilization certificate along with original bills. These bills must be approved by School level committee.

5.2: The grant will be disbursed on the name of Principal Investigator through direct bank transfers only.

5.3: The Principal Investigator should use this grant for the purpose of conducting the data collection, travelling expenses, conducting experiments, paper publication (publication only in Scopus, Web of Science, IEEE indexed journals) charges, patent filing fees, printing, binding and other miscellaneous expenses only.

5.4: The Principal Investigator can utilize a maximum of 50% of the approved grant to purchase and install the equipment/database/software related to the project of seed money. The assets should be purchased in the name of the school/constitute institute of GTU and ownership of asset must be lying with University only.

5.5: The Principal Investigator has to submit Utilization Certificate at the time of submission of Project Report.



6. Norms to act as Principal Investigator (PI) & Co-Investigator (CI):

6.1: A Faculty member (Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Principal and Director) only can act as Principal Investigator in maximum three projects only. However there is no limit for the faculty member to act as Co-Investigator in any other projects. But at a time a faculty member must not have more than three active project so as PI.

6.2: The student (PG Student, Full time Ph. D Scholars and Post Doc. Student) can also act as Co-Investigator in one project only. The same student cannot act as Co-Investigator in any research project under this scheme.

6.3: In case of student he or she is eligible to become Co-Investigator only once in his/her program duration.

7. Submission of Project Proposal to IQAC:

7.1: The proposal of research Project under this scheme is invited twice during the financial year (1st April to 31st March) as per following schedule. The faculty member must follow below given schedule strictly.

Sr. No.	Application Dates	Announcement of List of Approved Research Projects
1	1 st April To 30 th April	By 30 th June
2	1 st October To 31 st October	By 31 st December

7.2: The submission of proposal should be done during above mentioned dates only. No submission other than given dates are accepted by IQAC.

7.3: The submission of proposal should be done in the prescribed format only. The format is available in the Annexure-I.

7.4: The final project is required to submit in the prescribed format within in the time-limit. The format is available as per Annexure-II.

8. Criteria for Selection:

8.1: Intrinsic merit of the work and potential impact of the research on the academic field of study.

8.2: Potential for the award to provide a basis for further research support from external sponsors.



8.3: Likelihood that the proposed work will be completed during the award period.

8.4: Innovative inter-disciplinary research in the thrust areas of relevant discipline.

8.5: The application will be scrutinized by the expert committee appointed and headed by Chairman IQAC i.e. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. The decision of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor will be final and no further communication will be accepted from applicant regarding the non-acceptance of the proposal.

8.6: The University will hold its right not to award or consider any proposals in a year, if they are found incomplete or unsatisfactory.

9. Other General Guidelines:

9.1: Approved Project under this scheme would be non-transferable in any circumstances. If the Principal Investigator leaves GTU during the project tenure, he/she is bound to submit the project within required time frame as per the submission guidelines under this scheme.

9.2: In case of death of Principal Investigator, the co-Investigator has to complete the project and submit the same. If Co-Investigator is not available then the Director of the school must assign the remaining work to any other faculty member of the department to complete the project and submit the same.

9.3: If the Principal Investigator fails to complete the project with in time limit, he/she would have to refund the entire amount released with interest @ of 6% p.a. to University.

9.4: Proposals can be individual/interdisciplinary/collaborative.

9.5: The project commencement would be considered from the date of disbursement of first instalment of grant amount.

9.6: A half yearly progress report would have to be submitted by Principal Investigator if it is demanded by IQAC.

9.7: The final report, statement of expenditure and utilization certificate (as per Annexure-IV) shall be submitted after successful completion of the project.

9.8: The part of the granted money remaining unutilized within the prescribed time limit should be



refunded to University.

9.9: The Principal investigator has to give a presentation of the outcome of the research before a committee after the submission of the project.

9.10: The research project should not be outsourced in any case.

9.11: The proposal should be based on the applicant's own original ideas.

9.12: The faculty member will not get any relaxation in the teaching load or other academic as well as administrative duties if the proposal is accepted.

9.13: The students will neither get any relaxation in any academic activities (attendance, assignments, projects, etc.) of the subjects nor get relaxations in any examination.

9.14: The principal investigator may publish a research paper out of this research and utilize the grant for paper publication charges. The research paper must be published in the Scopus, Web of Science, IEEE Indexed journals only.

9.15: The principal investigator may file a patent based on the outcome of this project and the grant may be used for this purpose.

9.16: It is advisable to get review the proposals from Internal/External senior researchers and get critical feedback for novelty, quality, relevance, ethical considerations, and impressive & formal presentation, before submission.

9.17: Acknowledgement of the source of funding must be included in all publications or presentations arising from the funds.

9.18: The PI at the time of submission of application under Seed Money Scheme, shall not have any running project under this scheme or any other scheme in which he/she is the PI.

9.19: Publication in peer-reviewed (Scopus, Web of Science, IEEE indexed) journals/intellectual property generation including product/process development would be expected as outcomes of the project.

9.20: It is understood that any IP emerging out of research funded by GTU will be owned by University. Such IPR will recognize contributions by all researchers as "Inventors".

9.21: The proposal (in spiral-bound) should be submitted in two copies to the IQAC within specified



time.

9.22: The soft copy of proposal should be mailed to iqac@gtu.edu.in (In word as well as in PDF format). The file must be saved by the name of PI only.

9.23: The PI should ensure that the proposals must be neatly presented and donot have any mistakes.

9.24: The PI may seek help of IPR cell for further support to enhance visibility of research findings by using institutional linkages, infrastructure, patent filings, copyright etc.

9.25: The Plagiarism Policy should be as per UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations 2018 dated 31st July, 2018. Moreover, the plagiarism of the research report must be less than 10%. The PI has to attach the plagiarism certificate with the final research project.

9.26: The PI has to follow Research Report formatting specification as per Annexure-III.

9.27: These guidelines have been framed with a view to strengthen key information base related with execution of Research Projects under Seed Money Scheme. The University has right to add/withdraw or modify the guidelines at any time.

9.28: In case of discrepancy in any of the terms and conditions of Seed Money Scheme, the interpretation of Chairman of IQAC would be final and it must be binding to all the stake holders of the Scheme.

9.29: All purchase should be done as per the University Project Purchase Policy (PPP).

9.30: At the time of final project submission a Principal Investigator has to provide the details of project proposal submitted, to external funding agency.

For any Query in the guidelines, Faculty Members or Students may contact Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of University at iqac@gtu.edu.in

Coordinator/Head IQAC



Annexure - I: Research Proposal Format

GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL

APPLICATION FOR AVAILING GRANT FOR RESEARCH PROJECT UNDER

SEED MONEY SCHEME (SMS)

A: General Details

Project Details:	
Project Title:	
Key Words:	
Broad Area:	
Principal Investigator Details:	
Name:	
Designation:	
Department:	
School/Centre:	
Residential Address:	
Mobile No.:	
E-mail ID:	
Bank Details of Principal Investigator	
Bank Name	
Branch Name	
Account No.	
IFS Code	



Co- Investigator Details:

Name:	
Designation:	
Department:	
School/Centre:	
Residential Address:	
Mobile No.:	
E-mail ID:	

B: Technical Details of Project points to consider for detailed of Research Proposal

1. Neatly designed front-page with Project title, name of Investigator(s), Department, School, Contact details, Bank details etc...
2. Project Abstract in about 300 words (don't number this page)
3. Good and self-explanatory title on top of the first page, above introduction
4. Introduction - 500 words
5. Survey of literature of the recent major works in your area of research - covering both international and Indian - 1500 words
6. Clear identification of research gaps (what is the necessity to research this problem?) - 150 words
7. Scope and objectives of your study - 200 words
8. Detailed framework/ methodology of the proposed work - 300 words
9. What is innovative/unique about proposed research - 150 words
10. Expected outcomes from the project - 150 words
11. Relevance/Significance of proposed study for policy-making/ society/ academics / etc. - 250 words
12. References using standard referencing style in the discipline of the research proposal.
13. Time line of the project – clearly projecting the likely progress
14. Budget details in tabular format should be provided in application.

Sr. No.	Particular	Approximate Cost



C: Probable Output of the Project/Research Grant:

Research outcomes in terms of publications in conferences and journals, Product design, patents, resource generation by way of Industrial Consultancy and/or Continuing Education Programs need to be clearly specified. Attempt may be made to quantify output in measurable parameters.

Sr. No.	Particular	Yes/No	Count
1	Participation in Conference		
2	Publication of Research Paper		
3	Application to external funding agency for research grant		
4	Workshop/Seminar participation		
5	Application for patent		

D: Bio-sketch of PI and CI

Please attach a brief bio-sketch (Not more than 1000 words) highlighting Academic and Professional achievements. A list of publications during last one year should be included.

Declaration: I, _____ (Name of Principal Investigator) hereby declare that the Research Proposal on the above topic is not submitted to any other funding agency for grant. I also declare that, if the proposal is approved by university, I will complete the work in the stipulated time.

Signature (PI)		Signature (CI)	
Name:		Name:	
Date:		Date:	

Signature and Seal (Director)

Name:

Date:



Annexure – II
Project Submission Format

< First Page/Title Page >

'<Title of Project>'

A Minor Research Project under Seed Money Scheme (SMS)

Sponsored by Gujarat Technological University

Submitted by

<Name of Principal Investigator>	<Name of Co-Investigator>
<Designation>	<Designation>
<Name of Department>	<Name of Department>
<Name of PG School>	<Name of PG School>



Gujarat Technological University

<Month and Year>



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Declaration by Principal Investigator

(On separate page)

I hereby declare that the **A Minor Research Project under Seed Money Scheme (SMS)** sponsored by **GTU** titled “ _____ ” is my own work and my indebtedness to other work publications, references, if any, have been duly acknowledged. If I am found guilty of copying from any other report or published information and showing as my original work, I understand that I shall be liable and punishable by the university

Name of PI:		Name of CI:	
Designation		Designation	
Name of Department		Name of Department	
Name of School/Center		Name of School/Center	
Date		Date	
Place		Place	
Signature (PI)		Signature (CI)	



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A Copy of Project Sanction letter

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PLAGIARISM REPORT

PREFACE (SEPARATE PAGE)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (SEPARATE PAGE)

INDEX (SEPARATE PAGE)



FULL REPORT

Annexure - III

FORMATTING SPECIFICATIONS FOR REPORT

- ❖ Word format
- ❖ Font size: 12 for Regular text, 14 for Subtitles and 16 for titles
- ❖ Font Type: Times New Roman
- ❖ Line Spacing: 1.5
- ❖ Margin : 1.5 inch to Left and 1 inch to all other sides
- ❖ Page Type: A4
- ❖ Alignment: Justified
- ❖ Column Specification: One
- ❖ Printing of Report: Both sides of paper
- ❖ Binding of Report: Hard Bound with Emboss of Title page
- ❖ The colour of Hard Bound Material must be as under:
 - Project from Engineering and Technology stream – Blue
 - Project from Pharmacy Stream – Green
 - Project from Management stream – Maroon
 - Project from Computer Application Stream – Brown
 - Project from Architecture Stream – Pink
 - Project from Applied Sciences – Orange
- ❖ Number of hard Copies submitted to IQAC: One hard copy
- ❖ The WORD file may be converted to PDF format for softcopy submission and mailed to iqac@gtu.edu.in (In word as well as in PDF format). The file must be saved by the name of PI only.



Annexure – IV

Statement of Expenditure / Utilization Certificate for Seed Money Scheme of IQAC-GTU

Name of PI:	
Designation	
School/Centre/Constitute Institute:	
Date of Commencement of Project:	
Date of Submission of Project:	
Total Sanctioned Grant in INR:	
Advanced Grant Received in INR:	
Total Utilized Grant in INR:	

Following bills were paid as a part of Research Project under Seed Money Scheme of GTU

Sr.No.	Name of Party/Agency	Bill No. &Date	Details of Bill	Bill Amount	Total Payable Amount
				Net Amount	
Rupees in words:					

This is to certify that, above mentioned bills no. _to_ are expensed for Research Project under Seed Money Scheme, G.T.U., which is as per time limit, normal market rate & approval. This bill amount had not been presented or assessed in past. The amount is paid as it is just & fair. It is submitted for approval.

Co-Investigator

Principal Investigator

Director/Principal

Chief Account Officer

Internal Auditor

Registrar

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor



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