

SEED MONEY GRANT POLICY



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POLICY FOR SEED MONEY GRANT

This revised “Policy for Seed Money Grant” which is implemented from January 2019 is the revised version of the “Policy for Seed Money Grant” of May 2017. This revised policy supersedes the earlier policy.

The Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha in pursuance of fostering a research culture has determined to provide seed money to its faculty members every year. A humble beginning is being made with allocating an amount of Rs 20 lakhs for this purpose each year. A competitive process will be adopted to select proposals for the award of the same.

Purpose of the Seed Money Grant

- (i) The grant is meant for research in policy relevant areas which will provide significant inputs in policy formulation, implementation and evaluation. It applies to all disciplines taught at the University.
- (ii) The grant will also be provided for publications under the affiliation of Centurion University of Technology and Management, Odisha.

Process of Application

The seed grant will be announced in the University website in the month of January of the current year. Faculty members can apply for a grant in the month of March.

The value of each proposal should not exceed the value of Rs 5 lakhs. This is also applicable for individual applicants or a group of faculty from one Department or across Departments of the University. A faculty can also associate with academic from another institute outside Centurion University for technical expertise, whereas the funding will remain with the internal faculty.

The applicants have to write a proposal (not more than 5 pages) covering the following:

- 1) Proposal Title
- 2) Proposal Summary
- 3) Introduction/ Background
- 4) Objectives of the research
- 5) Methodology
- 6) Brief literature review
- 7) Expected outcomes – focus on policy implication
- 8) References
- 9) Budget (with all breakups) – infrastructure grant not allowed

For purpose of receiving the grant for publication, the individual can either submit a proposal or claim post facto with the evidence of publication.

Detailed CV of the applicant(s) should be annexed with the proposal (giving all publications and research projects completed). The research can be proposed for a maximum period of two years.

Selection of the Project Proposal

There will be a committee to scrutinise the proposals. Shortlisted faculty members will be invited to make a presentation before the committee as per schedule. The results will be announced a fortnight after the deadline of receiving the proposals. Last date for application and date for declaration of results will be intimated each year.

Requirements on completion of the Project

Recipients of the seed grant are expected to deliver the following.

- Mid-term progress report – a presentation will have to be made for reviewing the progress
- Final report on the outcome of the project
- Conduct a workshop/ seminar on the project or make a paper presentation in national/ international conferences or publish an article in peer reviewed indexed journals
- A full utilisation statement of the funds received