

Fwd: DST's FIST Grants in Aid for research infrastructure-Application Assistance-Last date 10th May 2023 (Date extended)

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Pls circulate it to the teachers

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Subject: DST's FIST Grants in Aid for research infrastructure-Application Assistance-Last date 10th May 2023 (Date

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To: <info@ixoragrp.com>

Dear Sir/Madam,

Hope doing well.

Proposals are invited online for consideration of support under the Scheme "Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure (FIST)" of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. The Scheme is intended to provide basic infrastructure and enabling facilities for promoting R&D activities in new and emerging areas and attracting fresh talents in universities & other educational institutions. It is considered as complimentary support for enabling Departments/ Centres/ Schools/ Colleges to pursue research activities more effectively and efficiently. The current emphasis on the immensely successful FIST programme is for orienting it towards the goal of Atmanirbhar Bharat by providing accessibility of the R&D infrastructure facilities not only for research activities in academic organizations but also for use by the start-ups/ manufacturing industries/MSMEs. Appropriate mechanisms including use of the FIST facilities through multiple shifts are being encouraged through a public notice to promote optimal utilization of these resources.

Nature of Support: The Scheme will provide optimal infrastructure facilities for post-graduate and higher research, such as, renovation of existing laboratory space (no fresh constructions) and cold room, modernization of laboratories involved in PG and higher research, acquisition of essential equipment, up-gradation of existing facilities, networking & computational facilities including software & databases, scientific & technical books (no journals), maintenance & refurbishing of existing and new facilities etc.. The facilities provided under the Program are intended to support the efforts of the Department as a whole or a number of faculty members in the Department. Proposal towards individual R&D support would not be accepted under this Scheme. The synergy and focus of research may preferably be aligned to National Missions/ priorities.

Duration: The duration of support for each FIST Project will be for a period of 5 years.

Eligibility: For University / Degree awarding Academic Institutions, the support will be considered for the 'Department / School / Center' as a unit. All Science [under Life Sciences only traditional/ basic biological areas and excluding proposals that are pertaining to areas under modern biology (including Biotechnology, Molecular Biology, Immunology, Disease Biology etc.)] and Engineering Departments/ Centres having strong PG research programs which have existed for at least 5 years or more in universities and other higher educational institutions recognized or regulated by UGC/ AICTE and/or MHRD/ State Education Department. Educational organizations under the aegis of other Ministries/ Depts./ Agencies are excluded from the scope of FIST 2023 support.

For College, the support to 'College as a whole' shall be considered for the post-graduate S&T departments only and not for other Departments i.e., Humanities, Management, Commerce etc. In addition, NITs/ IITs/ Schools/ Centres/ University Constituent Colleges are not eligible to apply under Level 'A'.

Type of Support: Currently, there are four types of support corresponding to four different levels. These are as follows:

- (1) Level 'A' (Academic-PGC): Proposals from active PG Colleges (Govt./ Govt. aided/ Private) (having eligibility as specified for Level-A) shall be considered for a maximum support of up to INR 1.50 crores for establishing research facilities for the S & T for 5 years duration.
- (2) Level 'B' (Basic R&D Depts.): Proposals from relatively small but active post-graduate S&T Department from different Universities (having eligibility as specified for Level-B) and degree awarding academic Institutions requiring moderate funding for improving quality of research. The support would be up to INR 3.0 crores for 5 years duration for augmentation of research facilities to a Department/ School/ Centre.
- (3) Level 'C' (Contemporary R&D Depts.): Proposals from well-established S&T Department from State/ Central Universities and degree awarding academic Institutions (having eligibility as specified for Level-C) with high repute requiring substantial funding (upper limit INR 5.0 crores for 5 years duration) for acquiring state-of-the-art equipment & setting up laboratories for conducting internationally competitive research.
- (4) Level 'D' (Distinguished R&D Depts.): Proposals from well established, internationally competitive S&T Department from State/ Central Universities and degree awarding academic Institutions (having eligibility as specified for Level-D). The upper limit of funding support would be INR 10.0 crores for 5 years duration) for acquiring only state-of-the-art very sophisticated equipment/ facilities.

Kind Attention:

Resource sharing by Grantee Organizations-

For Level 'A' and 'B'- All Govt. Organizations: 100% @DST

Any Non-Govt./ Private/ Aided Organizations: 75% @DST & 25% @Grantee Institute

For Level 'C' and 'D'- All Organizations (Govt./ Non-Govt.): 75% @DST & 25% @Grantee Institute

PRIVATE Academic University/ College/Institution under Not-for-Profit status and GOVT. AIDED Colleges would be considered as Academic Institutions (Private) option during the process of online submission of proposal.

We can assist in the application process.

Request you for telecon.

Warm Regards,

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