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"Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and Higher Educational Institutions (FIST) Program – 2017"

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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.

Nature of Support : The Scheme will provide optimal infrastructure facilities for post-graduate teaching and research, such as, renovation of existing laboratory space (no fresh constructions) and cold room, modernization of laboratories involved in PG teaching and 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.

Duration : The duration of support for each project will be for a period not exceeding 5 years.

Eligibility : For **University / Academic Institutions,** the support will be considered for the 'Department / School / Center' as a unit. All Science (including Medical & Agriculture) and Engineering Departments/ Centres having strong postgraduate teaching and research programs which have existed for at least 3 years or more in universities and other higher educational institutions **recognized or regulated by UGC/ AICTE and/or MHRD/ State Education Department based, are eligible. All other agency based academic University/ Institutes are excluded from the scope of FIST support.** The Department/ Centre/ School already supported under FIST Program may submit fresh proposal after completion of the ongoing project provided such projects completed in all respects and obtained 'Completion Certificate' whose copy may be attached in the current proposal. Progress of ongoing project of the Department/ Centre/ School will be monitored as per monitoring schedule of the Program and any additional requirements will be considered as a part of that exercise.

For College, the support to 'College as a whole' shall be considered for the post-graduate S & T departments which are not self financed.

PRIVATE Academic University/ College/ Institution and GOVT. AIDED Colleges under Not-for-Profit status would be considered as Non-Government Organization (NGO) and shall use 'NGO/ VO' option during the process of submission of proposal. For Self-financed post-graduate departments and Private Universities/ Academic Institutes including Colleges, support shall be considered **only on merit of research activities for research facilities. Such departments of the University or "College as a whole" should have at least 50% students at the PhD level pursuing their PhD as full time Research Scholar and receiving their fellowships either by virtue of NET/GATE qualification or holder of Institute/any other agency fellowship** and such department would need **to contribute 50 % of total recommended budget.**

Type of Support:

(1) Level – 0: Proposals from Govt./ Govt. aided Colleges shall be considered for a maximum support of up to Rs. 150 lakh [Teaching facilities – Rs 50 lakh and Research facilities – Rs 100 lakh] and proposals from private/ self financed Colleges shall be

considered for a maximum support up to Rs. 100 lakh [Research facilities] for the S & T departments for 5 years.

(2) Level – I : Proposals from relatively small but active post-graduate S & T Department from State & Central Universities & academic Institutions requiring moderate funding for improving quality of teaching & research. The support would be up to Rs 300 lakh for 5 years for augmention of teaching and research facilities to a Department/ School/ Centre.

(3) Level – II : Proposals from well established S & T Department from State/ Central Universities and academic Institutions with high repute requiring substantial funding (upper limit – Rs.1000 lakh for 5 years) for acquiring state-of-the-art equipment and setting up laboratories for conducting internationally competitive research.

Selection : The selection will be through a peer review mechanism and visit to the laboratories, if necessary. An Advisory Board of Experts will assist the DST in making final selection.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION

1. Log on onlinedst.gov.in to access the home page of the "DST e-PMS Portal".

2. Before filling up the form candidates are advised to carefully go through the Relevant Advertisement published at the DST FIST Website (www.fist-dst.org) and also available under Proposal Formats in the e-PMS Portal after logging in the portal site.

3. To save your time and avoid data loss please download the appropriate proposal format as suitable for your EITHER Department [LEVEL I / LEVEL II] OR PG College [LEVEL 0], fill all the information required as per the format as a Word and PDF file (**max. size 2 Mb**) and then keep it ready for upload during submission of mandatory documents.

4. Click on "Submit proposals" link which would take you to a page seeking multiple information starting with – General information, Principal investigator etc. **Please note for FIST Program you do not need to fill – Suggested referees**. Fill all the mandatory information sought against each menu except (**Suggested referees**).

5. After filling all above particulars there is provision for preview your detail before final submission of application form on clicking on "Preview" button. Preview page will display all facts/particulars that you have mentioned on entry time if you are sure with filled details then click on "Submit" button to finally push data into server.

6. Candidates are advised to carefully fill and verify the details filled in the online application themselves as no change will be possible/ entertained after clicking the FINAL SUBMIT BUTTON.

LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS :

Online Application must be submitted by 20 June, 2017 after which the web-link will be AUTOMATICALLY disabled FOR ANY USAGE. Last date of submitting the HARD COPY of the PRINT VERSION of the online submitted form is 30 June, 2017. The hard copy of the print version should reach the following address on or before 30th June, 2017:

Dr Arindam Bhattacharyya, Scientist 'D',
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2 CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT **ONLY ONE HARD COPY AS PRINT OUT** OF THEIR ONLINE SUBMITTED APPLICATION TO THE DST WITH THE SIGNATURES AND RUBBER STAMPS OF THE CONCERNED PERSONS/ OFFICIALS.

3 INCOMPLETE OR WRONGLY FILLED UP APPLICATION FORMAT OR APPLICATION WITH LACK OF ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS WILL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED. ANY LEGAL

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4 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED THROUGH E-MAIL WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED. UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS AND COLLEGES SHALL USE SEPARATE FORMAT OF APPLICATION UPLOADED AT THE ONLINE PORTAL (ONLINEDST.GOV.IN)/ GIVEN IN THE WEBSITE (WWW.FIST-DST.ORG). SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL OTHER THAN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT SHALL SUMMARILY BE REJECTED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER PROCESSING AS PER PROGRAM NORMS.

A Summary Sheet in a separate page containing Level, Subject Area, Name of Department/ Centre & University/ Institute, Year of Establishment, Status of Institute/ University/ College, complete Postal Address for correspondence including name of Head/ Contact Person, Pin Number, State/ UT, Telephone no., Fax & E-mail and the total budget may be uploaded with the online proposal and also be **attached along with the Print Version of the submitted applications. Please note that incomplete Proposal/ Proposal not in the prescribed Format/ Proposal received after the due date would summarily be rejected and no correspondence in such cases would be made in this respect.** The name of the successful departments shall be displayed in the Website after completion of the process.

The envelope should mention on top No **"PROPOSAL UNDER FIST in Subject Area -----------/ Level -----------"**. [e.g. Life Science, Physical Science, Chemical Science, Engineering Science, Earth & Atmospheric Science & Mathematical Science and PG College as a Whole]

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University & Institutes	Level I Level II		
PG Colleges	Level 0		
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1) The Principal of all Affiliated Colleges to Shivaji University, Kolhapur.
2) The Head of all Science Teaching Departments, Shivaji University, Kolhapur.
   for information and necessary action.

Dy. Registrar