

Call for Research Projects

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The Department of Education, Faculty of Education and Psychology, the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat, India has been accorded the status of Inter-University Centre for Teachers Education [IUCTE] a scheme of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching [PMMMNMNTT] of the Ministry of Human Resource Development [MHRD], Government of India, New Delhi.

In order to encourage and promote research in India, the IUCTE will provide research grants to the teachers of Higher Education and Teacher Education institutions. The research projects may have a theoretical, conceptual or a methodological or policy orientation on any subject in School Education, Teacher Education or Higher Education. The research conducted could be interdisciplinary in nature. The objectives of this research initiative are: (1) To promote quality research at different levels of education independently or in groups; (2) To experiment applicability of innovations and best practices at different levels of education; (3) To provide opportunity to novice teachers for enhancing their research skills; (4) To facilitate dissemination of research findings with Schools of Education, Teaching-Learning Centers, Inter-University Centre for Teachers Education, Faculty Development Centers and other schemes under PMMMNMNTT and other established institutions in India; (5) To derive implications for quality improvement in education at all levels; and (6) To provide recommendations to policy makers and education departments for quality improvement in education at all levels.

Guidelines for Research Projects

1. General Information

- ❑ Applications and Research Proposals are open only to the permanent faculty of State and Centrally funded universities, colleges and other institutions. Professional Academia (Assistant/ Associate/ Professors) who are regular employees in the Centrally and State funded UGC recognized Indian University/ Deemed to be University/ Government/Government-aided/ colleges with requisite research infrastructure and possessing a Ph.D. degree or equivalent research work in the field of education and demonstrable research experience are eligible to apply.

- ❑ Applications and Research Proposals are invited from Indian Nationals only.
- ❑ The projects should be on subject(s) related to teaching and training of teachers and various dimensions of education. The research projects should focus on areas pertaining to Curriculum Development, Pedagogy, Assessment, ICT in teacher education, Language education, Disability and could be in the sub-sectors of School Education, Teacher Education or Higher Education, Quality Enhancement (skill/capacity/creativity) in Teaching and Teachers, Professional Development of Teachers and Teacher Educators, Guidance and Counselling, Education and Empowerment, Extension Education/Outreach Programme.
- ❑ The maximum duration of the Project must be of ten months only.
- ❑ Applications and Research Proposals should be written in English and forwarded through the proper channel duly signed by the competent authority of the institution.
- ❑ The Screening Committee of IUCTE reserves the right to scrutinize research proposals. The IUCTE, M.S. University Baroda will not be responsible for any postal or communication delays.
- ❑ The Principal Investigator will be allowed to take up only One Research Project at a time.
- ❑ Foreign trip is not permissible within the Scheme of Research Project.
- ❑ No request for additional grant in excess of the sanctioned budget will be considered.
- ❑ The Principal Investigator shall be personally responsible for timely completion of the Project.
- ❑ The decision taken by the Screening Committee will be final.

2. Number of Research Projects sanctioned

A faculty will be entitled to take up only one research project of which he/she is the Principal Investigator and the Total Amount for the project should not exceed Rs. 10,00,000 (Ten Lacs.)

3. Guidelines for Formulation and Submission of Research Projects

- ❑ The Principal Investigator shall be responsible for completing their projects. The grant for the project will be made available through the competent authorities of their respective institutions.

- ❑ The institution however, shall agree to (i) administer and manage the finances; (ii) provide all facilities for research.
- ❑ IUCTE will release 60% of the total approved budget in the first instalment. 20% of the total approved budget will be released in the second instalment after the progress report has been found to be satisfactory. The last instalment of 20% of the total approved budget will be released after the submission of the final project report.
- ❑ An undertaking should be provided by the Principal Investigator that the research proposal submitted to IUCTE is not under consideration for funding by any other agency.
- ❑ The project proposal format should include the title of the study, introduction, conceptual/theoretical framework, literature review, rationale, objectives of the study, detailed methodology, bibliography, estimated budget and time period.
- ❑ Four copies of the research report and a soft copy in a CD as well as in a pen drive should be submitted to the IUCTE after completion of the project.
- ❑ The date of implementation of the project will be mentioned in approval-cum-sanction letter.

4. Sanction of the Approved Projects

The IUCTE will issue a sanction letter for approved projects with a copy of the approved budget by the IUCTE. No change will be permitted in any of the conditions laid down in the sanction letter.

The Principal Investigator has to commence the project within one month from the date of award letter. For this, the awardee has to submit an agreement on the necessary stamp paper (Rs.100/-), date of commencement and grant-in-aid bill towards the first installment.

5. Re-appropriation

The institution may re-appropriate expenditure from one-sanctioned sub-head to another, subject to a maximum of 10% in either case. All such re-appropriations should be reported to the IUCTE.

6. Submission of Progress Reports

The Principal Investigator will submit to the IUCTE, a progress report after 4-5 months before the release of the second installment of the approved budget. The second progress report needs to be submitted before the submission of the final project report.

All project related issues will be addressed only to the Principal Investigator/Head of the Affiliating Institution for timely reply.

7. Termination of Research Grant

If the IUCTE is not satisfied with the progress of the research project or if it finds that rules are being violated, it reserves the right to terminate its grant for the project and ask for a refund of the amount sanctioned.

8. Final Report

The project report should be submitted before 28th February, 2020. The Project report cannot be submitted for the award of any University degree or diploma by any member of the project staff, including the principal investigator. On completion of the Project, the Principal Investigator should submit the Final Report along with a brief Executive Summary in hard format (two copies of final report and ten copies of Executive Summary) and a soft copy (pen drive).

10. Plagiarism

- Plagiarism is considered as academic dishonesty and a breach of ethics. It refers to the use of another author's ideas, information, language or writing, as own without proper citation of the original source. Any information used without citing the original source will be considered as plagiarism. A certificate of plagiarism analysis report by the UGC recognized plagiarism software should be attached with the final report.
- In case, the IUCTE finds that the research report has been plagiarized, the IUCTE will not accept the research report, and the research grant will have to be refunded by the Principal Investigator. The parent institution of the Principal Investigator will be informed to take necessary action against him/her. The Principal Investigator will be blacklisted for applying to the IUCTE for future funding under any scheme.

11. Finalization of Accounts

- On completion of the project the principal investigator will be required to submit an audited statement of accounts with a utilization certificate for the expenditure incurred on the project from a Chartered Accountant and Finance Officer by 28th February 2020 approved by the respective institutions. The fees paid to the Chartered Accountant may be charged from the overhead charges given to the institute.

- ❑ The unutilized grant if any, may be refunded immediately through demand draft drawn in favour of the Project Coordinator, IUCTE, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda.

12. Publication & Copyright

- ❑ The IUCTE reserves the right to publish the final report of the research projects. This decision if taken will be communicated to the Principal Investigator.
- ❑ The Principal Investigator shall acknowledge the contribution of IUCTE, M.S. University Baroda and all the staff working in the research project.
- ❑ The IUCTE, M.S. University Baroda will not be responsible for the fact, opinion, views and findings stated in the reports.
- ❑ The principal investigator will be solely responsible for the issues related to copyright and/or plagiarism of the information used in the research project.

13. Inspection by IUCTE

The IUCTE has full right to depute any of its staff to inspect the accounts and papers relevant to the research project any time during the project period.

14. Submission of project proposal

The hard copy of the research proposal should reach us on or before 25th February, 2019 addressed to Prof. R.C. Patel, Coordinator IUCTE, Department of Education, Faculty of Education and Psychology, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara-390002, Gujarat.

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