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1. VISTAS Seed Grant

The VISTAS seed grant is a funding initiative to encourage faculty members to pursue competitive research in emerging areas of national and international importance. A maximum value of ₹3 lakhs is awarded to support research activities under the following schemes:

1. Multidisciplinary/Transdisciplinary Research
2. Process/Product Development

2. Objectives

- To support the faculty in initiating their research activities upon joining VISTAS
- To promote multidisciplinary/transdisciplinary research among the faculty
- To encourage faculty to develop innovative products and processes
- To inspire faculty to generate intellectual properties
- To validate innovative ideas/concepts to generate preliminary results before submitting proposals to external funding agencies
- To create strong interdisciplinary research groups
- To attract and retain talent

3. Duration

The VISTAS seed grant has a maximum duration of one year from the sanctioning date.

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4. Eligibility Criteria for Multidisciplinary/Transdisciplinary Research

- Newly joined faculty with Ph.D. degree irrespective of the designation.
- Faculty should not have obtained seed grants earlier.
- Faculty who have completed project(s) or have ongoing funded projects will not be considered. However, faculty who have submitted research proposals to funding agencies and are awaiting results are eligible.

5. Eligibility Criteria for Process/Product Development

- All faculty members are eligible to apply recurrently.

6. Submission and Evaluation Process:

- Proposals are submitted to the expert committee.
- The expert committee will evaluate the submitted proposals and consider them for approval.

7. Workflow

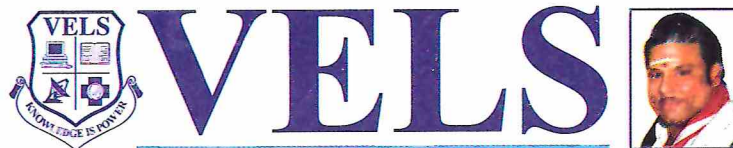
1. Submission of required details and proposal
2. Approval or rejection of the application
3. If approved, the proposal will be reviewed by the expert committee.
4. Approval / rejection of a seed grant
5. If approved, a sanction order will be issued.
6. Intimation of start date and sanctioned amount
7. Progress monitoring

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8. Utilization certificate and expenditure
9. Project report to be submitted
10. Verification of documents and project confirmation

8. Project Review and Monitoring:

- The progress report should be submitted.
- There will be a progress review meeting with the expert committee.
- The release of the subsequent fund will be approved based on the progress of the work and the recommendations from the expert committee.
- On the completion of the project, the expert committee will recommend to the Principal Investigator that he/she should necessary action based on the outcome of the project.

9. Expected Outcomes/Deliverables

The outcome needs to be at least one of the following:

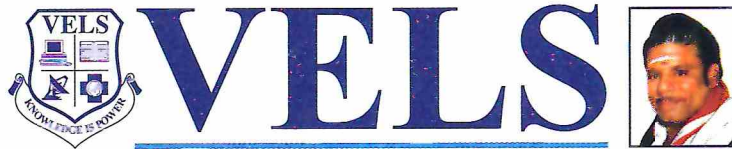
- A minimum of one research publication in reputed journals with a good impact factor.
- Intellectual Property Right (IPR) for the process/product development should be obtained, with VISTAS as the applicant and the investigator(s) as the inventor(s).
- A startup established through VISTAS.
- Submission of research proposals for external funding agencies.

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10. Guidelines

- Travel, contingencies, and manpower heads are not applicable under the seed grant. However, the committee can permit travel expenses based on the prerequisites of the project.
- Any change in equipment procurement against the approved item(s) would require prior approval from the Registrar.
- Procurement of any equipment/consumables is to be done through the purchase office only.
- The progress review meeting will be scheduled and intimated in advance, and the Principal Investigator should take responsibility for the progress of the project.
- If the Principal Investigator leaves the institute during the project duration, the Registrar will assign another faculty, after consultation with the expert committee.
- All publications that arise from the seed grant should acknowledge VISTAS as follows:

The author(s) acknowledge VISTAS for providing VISTAS SEED GRANT for carrying out this research work.


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