

UNIVERSITY OF LUCKNOW, LUCKNOW

# PROTSAHAN

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## A Novel Scheme for Seed Money

**Internal Quality Assurance Cell**

**Name of Scheme: PRO TSAHAN**

Research and Development (R&D) is an integral and important part of universities. University of Lucknow (UoL henceforth) has a practice of providing seed money to the faculty members by sharing overhead grants of sanctioned projects.

The UoL in its initiative of promoting quality research and encouraging potential researchers is coming up with a new scheme of providing seed money to the young faculty members of the university.

**Seed Money:** The seed money is a small amount of fund given to start/ conceptualize a new project. The University of Lucknow (UoL) will provide seed money to a faculty member for initiating a project under following categories-  
**Category I-To initiate a future project from an already sanctioned and funded project by some government/ non government agency.**

In this case UoL will provide 60% of the overhead amount sanctioned under the current project to the Principal Investigator (PI). The PI can utilize this amount for creating required infrastructure facility in lab or procure other required facilities/items (permanent/consumables/ services) necessary for smooth start and running of a pilot study. (Already in practice)

**Category II-To conceptualize a project to be applied for funding from some government/ non government agency.** If some of the faculty members require minor funds for executing some experiment/ survey/ other activity, which they feel necessary before finalizing their future project, regardless of whether they currently have funded projects or not, will be covered under this category. The maximum amount of seed money sanctioned under this category will be Rs. 20000/-. In this category a faculty member has to apply on the format provided as annexure A.

**Eligibility:**

- 1 Category I - a sanctioned project with overhead amount.
2. Category II – The following will be the eligibility criterion-
  - a. Only Associate professors/ Assistant Professors can apply for the seed money.
  - b. Out of total slots of seed money available, only 25% slots will be available to Associate Professors in an academic year.
  - c. The applicants having 2 research papers published in SCOPUS indexed journals (For Science Faculty) and 1 research paper published in SCOPUS/WoS indexed journal (for faculty other than Science faculty) in last academic year will be preferred.
  - d. In case of limited available slots candidate with lesser service period will be preferred.

**Note:**

1. 75% of the grant will be released after getting assessment report of an expert committee constituted by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.
2. Rest of the grant will be released after submission of the final report and deliverables to Dean Research and IQAC office.

**Selection Procedure:** A committee of following members will scrutinize the projects and send recommendation to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, after a presentation made by all the applicants on tri monthly basis (i.e.on last Saturday of July, October, January, April month) -

1. Senior most Dean
2. Dean Research
3. Director IQAC
4. HoD of concerned Department
5. One External expert of concerned subject (May be an retired or serving person)

## **Annexure 'A'**

### **Format for Seed Money Application**

1. Name & Designation of the Faculty Member:
2. Name of the collaborating Agency/ Institution/ organization:
3. Private/Govt. sector:
4. No.of Hours involved:
5. Remunerative/Non Remunerative:
  
6.
  - i. Origin of problem
  - ii. objectives
  - iii. Methodology
  - iv. Break up of funds
  - v. Expected outcome
  - v. Deliverables

Signature:

Faculty member

HOD