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## **SEED Money Policy**

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The primary objective of the research SEED money initiative is to cultivate an active and dynamic research environment among young faculty members and researchers in MLRITM. This program encourages innovative ideas and aims to promote groundbreaking research across various disciplines. Based on the quality and impact of the submitted proposals, up to 10 faculty members may be selected each academic year to receive financial support. Each approved project can receive seed funding of up to Rs. 5,00,000 to kickstart their research activities. However, this funding cap is not rigid, especially for proposals demonstrating exceptional potential or fostering cross-disciplinary collaborations. Such high-potential projects may receive additional support to maximize their impact and contribution to the research ecosystem. This initiative seeks to inspire young researchers to pursue innovative solutions and address critical challenges in their respective fields.

### **Objectives:**

- Foster a research-friendly environment.
- Encourage socially relevant research with commercialization potential.
- Enable faculty to engage in real-world research and secure sponsorships.
- Develop strong proposals for targeted funding opportunities.
- Test novel ideas and generate preliminary results for external submissions.
- Promote inter-faculty collaboration in emerging fields.
- Drive IPR generation and product/process innovation.
- Attract and retain skilled talent.

### **A seed grant proposal may include:**

- Research Plan: Outline the research objectives and approach.
- Project Description: Provide an introduction and details of the proposed work.
- Research Overview: Summarize relevant literature, key objectives, expected outcomes, methods, innovative aspects, broader impacts, and strategies to mitigate potential risks.
- Relevance to PI's Career: Explain how the project and grant will support the PI's career growth.
- Link to External Funding: Detail how the project outcomes will strengthen an external funding proposal and address potential setbacks.
- Broader Impacts: Highlight the relevance of results to agencies like DST, AICTE, ISRO, DRDO, etc., and consider involving extension specialists to enhance impact.
- Management Plan: Define the scope of work and roles of key personnel.
- Collaboration Details: Explain coordination of data, responsibilities, and communication for interdisciplinary partnerships.
- Timeline: Provide a schedule of major activities, including external proposal submission.

- Data Management: Include plans for handling project data.
- References: Provide a comprehensive list with no page limit.
- Publication in referred/SCI is compulsory before closing the project.
- Duration of the project is one year

**Appendices:** No page limit.

- Appendix A: Include 2-page CVs for PI and Co-PIs, detailing grant writing experience and roles (PI/Co-PI).
- Appendix B: Disclose any potential conflicts of interest for PI and Co-PIs.
- Appendix C: Provide a one-page summary of outcomes from any prior seed funding received.

**Budget Template (Suggested):**

S. No	Category	Amount (Rs)	Justification
1	Consumables (Limited to 20% of the total budget)		
2	Equipment		
3	Travel (Limited to 10% of the total budget)		
4	Research Literature		
5	Additional Expenses (Specify) (Limited to 10% of the total budget)		
6	Contingency		
<b>Total Budget</b>			

The competent authority will review and approve the SEED Money Project proposal guidelines before they are officially communicated to the faculty and researchers.

