Notification for Inviting Seed Money Research Project Applications

Subject: Invitation to Apply for Seed Money Research Project Funding for Newly Recruited Faculty Members - Reg

The Central University of Karnataka invites applications from **newly recruited faculty members** for the **Seed Money Research Project** funding. This initiative aims to support early-stage research, foster innovation, and facilitate the development of projects that can attract major external funding.

l. Objectives of the Seed Money Funding:

a. To encourage newly appointed faculty to initiate research activities early in their careers.
b. To promote a research culture across all disciplines at the university.
c. To support projects that have the potential to attract major research funding from external agencies.
d. To enhance the overall research output of the university.

2. Eligibility Criteria:

a. Only **permanent/regular faculty** members who have joined the university at the Assistant Professor level and have completed their PhD are eligible.
b. Applicants should not have any ongoing extramural funded project including any seed money projects.

3. Funding Details:

a. Up to **Rs. 1,50,000** for projects in **science, engineering, and technology.**
b. Up to **Rs. l, 00,000** for projects in other disciplines.
c. **Duration:** Initial funding is for one year, extendable for up to six months based on the recommendations of the concerned Dean/Head of Department (HoDs).

4. Utilization of Funds:

a. Funds may be used for purchasing items such as **books, minor equipment, chemicals. and consumables.**
b. Travel expenses and fees of conference will not be covered unless specifically required for fieldwork.
c. All items purchased with seed money will remain the property of the university upon the completion of the project.

5. Application Procedure:

a. Submission Requirements:

i. A detailed **research proposal. (Annexure-I)**
ii. **Latest Curriculum Vitae** of the Principal Investigator.
iii.. A list of **publications from the last three years.**

b. Proposals must be routed through the CASR commitee consisiting **Head of the Department (HoDs)** and **Dean of the School,** with their recommendations. (Annexure-II)
c. Submit **four hard copies** and **one soft copy** of the application to the Research and Development Cell.

6. Evaluation and Approval Process:

a. The evaluation committee will include:

i. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor or his/her nominee (Chairperson)

ii. **Dean** of the concerned School

iii. **HoD's** of the concerned Department

iv. One **Professor from another School**, nominated by the Vice Chancellor

v. **Director of Research and Development Cell** (Member-Secretary)

b. Once approved, funds will be disbursed in a **single instalment.**

c. Progress will be monitored periodically, and unsatisfactory performance may result in termination and recovery of funds.

7. Expected Deliverables:

a. At least one research paper published in indexed journals.

b. A proposal for major funding submitted to an external agency.

8. General Terms and Conditions:

a. Funds must be utilized exclusively for the approved activities.

b. An **interim report** must be submitted **six months** after the start of the project.

c. If a faculty member leaves the university during the project. the project will be terminated. and all progress reports and certificates must be submitted'

d. Upon completion, **final reports,** including a **plagiarism report, utilization certificate,** and other necessary documents, must be submitted within one month.

e. Non-compliance with any guidelines may lead to **cancellation** of the project and **recovery of funds.**

The last date for submission of applications is 30.09.2026 in the prescribed formats (attached as Annexures- I to V). Faculty members meeting the eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply for this exciting opportunity to initiate impactful research and contribute to the university's academic excellence. The applications with all enclosures shall be submitted to the O/o The Director R & D Cell, CUK.

For any inquiries or clarifications, please contact the **Director Research Development Cell on email:** directorrnd@cuk.ac.in

Registrar

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Annexure-I

Application Form for Seed Money Research Project

Part A: General Information

1. Title of the Proposed Project:
2. Subject Area:
3. Name of the Principal Investigator:
4. Designation:
5. Department & School:
6. Contact Information:
   - Email:
   - Phone:
7. Previous Projects' details (if any):

Part B: Proposed Project Details *(use additional sheets wherever required)*

1. Origin and Objectives of the proposal:

2. Review of status of the proposed research
   a. International Studies:
   b. National Studies:

3. Objectives of the proposal:

4. Methodology of the Work plan:

5. Facilities Available:

6. Fund proposed :

	Budget proposed	Justification	Remarks
Consumables			
Contingency			
Travel (as part of field work)			
Minor Equipment if any			

7. Expected Outcomes:

Part C: Declaration

I hereby declare that the information provided is true to my knowledge. I agree to abide by the rules and guidelines of the Seed Money Research Project.

Signature:

Date:

Recommendation by the HoD

Recommendation by the Dean

Annexure-II

PROFORMA FOR THE EVALUATION OF SEED MONEY PROPOSALS BY CASR (2026-27)

1.	Name of the Applicant	
2.	Designation	
3.	Department	
4.	School	
5.	Date of Joining the CUK	
6.	Title of the Project	
7.	Whether the project is technically sound	
8.	Whether the methodology proposed is relevant	
9.	Whether the objectives of the project are realistic	
10.	Specific suggestions for improvement, if any	
11.	Has the applicant obtained any funding, including seed money, before? If yes, please provide the details	
12.	Whether the applicant fulfills eligibility requirements as per the CUK seed money guidelines	
13.	Overall rating of the project on a scale of 5 (1 poor; 5 excellent)	
14.	Specific Recommendation of the Committee (Recommended/Not Recommended)	

Signature and seal of the Committee members

1. DEAN

2. HoD

3.

4.

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Annexure-III

FORMAT FOR INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT

1. Grant Number and Year
2. Name of the P.I :
3. School:
4. Department:
5. Proposal Title:
6. Statement of the Problem
7. Number of objectives achieved
8. Introduction
9. Methodology
10. Amount utilized against sanctioned amount.

Consumables	Sanctioned amount	Utilized amount	Balance

Signature of the P.I

Signature of the Dean

Signature of the HoD

Annexure-IV

FORMAT FOR FINAL PROGRESS REPORT

1. Grant Number and Year
2. Name of the P.I
3. School
4. Department
5. Research Project Title
6. Statement of the Problem
7. Number of objectives achieved
8. Abstract
9. Introduction
10. Methodology
11. Results and Discussion
12. Papers Published* (National & International Journals) in UGC-Care list.
13. Amount utilized against sanctioned amount
14. Utilization Certificate

Signature of the P.I.

Signature of the Head

Signature of the Dean

Annexure-V

UTILIZATION CERTIFTCATE

Project Title:

Certified that Rs._____of the grant in-aid was released by Central University of Karnataka in favor of vide letter No._____ as stated above during the year 20…. The above grant was sanctioned towards Project Titled "_____".

Out of sanctioned grants, a sum of Rs._____ has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned, and Rs_____remained unutilized at the end of the financial year has been refunded.

Expenditure incurred for the purpose for which the grant was sanctioned is verified with the vouchers produced before me.

Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which the grant-in-aid was sanctioned have been fulfilled and that I have exercised the following checks to see that the money was utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.

Signature of the
Principal Investigator

Signature of the Registrar **Signature of the Finance Officer**

Annexure-VI

Proposal Evaluation*

Name of the Principal Investigator:

Title of the Research Proposal:

Department/Faculty:

	Sl.No	Particulars	Ratings (1 to 5)	
	1.	Relevance of the Project title in the current scenario		
	2.	Statement of the Problem		
	3.	National and Interactional Status		
	4.	Significance of Stud1,		
	5.	Project Objectives/deliverables		
	6.	Methodology/Technical Management Aspects		
	7.	Justification of Budget		

Overall rating of the Research Proposal:

Comments/Suggestions on the Research Proposal:

Recommendation for the Project Proposal for Seed Money: Accepted/Rejected