

AICTE Research Promotion Scheme (RPS)

(Lab to Market)



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1.1 Introduction:

The AICTE Research Promotion Scheme (RPS) was initiated in 2003-04 to foster innovation and research. Recognizing advancements in disciplines such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Quantum Computing and Communication and Big Data etc., the scheme has been restructured as **AICTE RPS: Lab to Market**. This initiative aims to establish an ecosystem that supports translational research at least having Technology Readiness Level (TRL) level 6/7. AICTE will provide separate support for taking this work to market and / or industrial applications.

1.2 Objectives of Scheme

- a) Lab to Market intends to support educational institutes and researchers/innovators with funding and mentoring for translational research having scope of Technology Readiness Level (TRL)-6 (Lab Testing)/TRL-7 (Field Testing).
- b) The scheme aims at enhancing the skills and expertise of faculty researchers so that they can develop new ideas and focus on translational research to address the societal challenges and create impact in the society.
- c) To provide financial assistance for procurement of equipment, human resource, machines, tools, testing kits, testing for the purpose of developing new products, scaling lab-based research and commercialize the solutions.
- d) Handhold research with practical aspects of intellectual property and technology transfer and enable the commercialization of the products developed.

1.3 Research Domains

The research grant shall be for a period of 2 to 3 years in the following emerging fields only:

- i. Advanced Computing (Supercomputing and Quantum Computing)
- ii. Advanced Manufacturing
- iii. Advanced Materials, Rare-earth & Critical Minerals
- iv. Agrotech & Food processing

- v. Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
- vi. Blue / Green Economy
- vii. Cyber Physical Systems and Cyber Security
- viii. Design thinking and Innovation
- ix. Digital Twins
- x. Disaster Management & Resilient Infrastructure
- xi. Energy, Sustainability & Climate Change
- xii. Health Care & Med Tech
- xiii. Hydrogen Energy
- xiv. Manufacturing & Industry 4.0
- xv. Next Gen Communications and signal processing
- xvi. Smart Cities
- xvii. Smart Mobility
- xviii. Semiconductors
- xix. Space and Defense
- xx. Any other emerging technology area

For implementation of clause 10 (e) of AICTE act relating to Disability Management, AICTE would give special preference to proposals being taken up in the following areas: -

- i) Educational Technology for the differently abled people.
- ii) Design of physical infrastructure/aids catering to the needs of differently abled people.
- iii) Computer based Voice/speech Interactive Hardware/software device.
- iv) Assistive devices for the Differently abled people, Speech development devices, sensors, detection, devices, etc.
- v) Design of Diagnostic/therapeutic equipment.
- vi) Surveys in the area of Disability Management.

1.4 Eligibility

a) *For Applicant:*

- Full time regular faculty from AICTE approved Institutions are eligible to apply.
- There may be more than one institution as co applicant apart from the hostinstitute, as a part of the research programme. **Industry partner is preferred.** The applicant Researcher may also involve student in the project for which AICTE will pay lump sumgrant as Research Assistant Fellowship.

b) *For host and pairing institute / Industry:*

- Host institute should be the AICTE approved institution
- Host institute are encouraged to onboard Institute of National Importance like IISc, IITs, NITs etc. for mentoring or collaborative research. The host institute can also onboard any institute approved by the respective regulatory body.
- Preference will be given to the Industry having the recognized R&D units which is approved by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

1.5 Duration of the Project: -

The duration of the project is 3 years, extendable by 6 months.

1.6 Limit of Funding

- a) Maximum limit of funding: **upto 50 Lakh**
- b) Recurring upto 50%, rest non-recurring/capital

The fund shall be utilized for the following purposes:

Non-recurring/Capital Items

- i. Purchase of equipment/ machineries/ Supplies/ raw material /tool /accessories/ testing kits/ software

Recurring (up to 50%)

- i. Working Prototypes
- ii. Lab Testing
- iii. Field testing/Survey
- iv. Travel of Researcher
- v. Salary of the Research Associate/Assistant/ Student (as per DST Scale)

1.7 Disbursement of the Fund:

The project will be funded in two stages

- a) Stage 1: 60% non-recurring and 50% of the recurring grant of the total sanctioned amount. 40% of non-recurring grant shall be released on production of invoice challan / supporting document in favour of immediate requirement of residual non-recurring grant.
- b) Stage 2: 50% of the recurring grant only after submission of Audited Utilization Certificate and other relevant document.

However, the applicant is liable to submit the Project Completion Report (PCR) along with consolidated Utilization Certificate and other mandatory documents within one month of completion of the project for final closure.

1.8 Mode of Submission of Application & Processing:

- a) Online via the AICTE Web Portal.
- b) Applicants advised to attend preparatory workshops for proposal development and execution insights.
- c) Proposals will be assessed by an expert committee, with AICTE's decision being final.

1.9 Additional Support:

- a) The council will conduct workshops on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and technology transfer to the Principal Investigator/Co-Principal Investigator of the Project.
- b) The Council shall facilitate access to the nearby AICTE incubation centers and IDEA labs.
- c) The Council will provide insights on Design Thinking to the Principal

Investigator (PI) and Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)

1.10 Terms & Conditions:

- a) The Principal Investigator (Applicant Researcher) already having ongoing RPS projects from AICTE shall not be considered unless the ongoing projects are completed
- b) The Principal Investigator has the primary responsibility for the implementation and completion of the project within the stipulated time period.
- c) In case the Principal Investigator leaves the Institution before completion of the project, the Co- Principal Investigator (Co-applicant Researcher) would be allowed to continue with the project subject to the approval of the Competent Authority at AICTE. In case, the Principal Investigator goes on long leave, the Co- Principal Investigator (Co-applicant Researcher) would be allowed to continue with the project subject to the consent of the Principal Investigator and approval of AICTE. All such requests should be sent to AICTE in advance. **Therefore, association of a Co-Principal Investigator in the project is MUST.**
- d) In case the Principal Investigator and the Co- Principal Investigator leave the Institute and there is no other associated Co-Investigator to carry out the project, the Head of the Department should take the responsibility for identifying a competent person in the Institution in the relevant subject area and submit his/her bio-data to the Council for further consideration.
- e) The date of receipt of the first grant by Institute shall be taken as the date of commencement of the project. The Registrar/Director/Principal of the Institute shall intimate receipt of the grant to AICTE. If the Institute/ PI does not take-up the project work within 6 months of the receipt of the grant, approval shall ipso facto lapse and the Institute shall become liable to refund the entire grant along with interest generated to AICTE.
- f) The grant will be utilized strictly for the purpose as specified in the sanction letter. **Re-appropriation of funds from Recurring to Non-Recurring is allowed but not vice versa;** Non-Recurring and Recurring heads are up to 50% and up to 50% respectively of the total grant, unless otherwise recommended by AICTE experts. **The list of equipment decided by the**

experts is final and there can be no changes at later stage.

- g) The recurring grant can be utilized for the items sanctioned by the AICTE. This should not be used for travel abroad to attend Conferences/ seminars. However, for presenting a Paper in a Seminar / Conference within the country, the travel expenses may be met from the recurring grant. Expenditure incurred towards hiring of staff on contract basis shall be considered only if the same was recommended by the Experts and approved by AICTE. Project staff and funding for students will follow DST scales. **No budget be utilized for hiring permanent staff.**
- h) Unspent amount should also be refunded. **Both should be refunded through RTGS to Member Secretary AICTE' State Bank of India, Account number 55113199952, IFSC Code: SBIN0050203, Shashtri Bhawan, New Delhi.**
- i) Once the project is sanctioned, the Council shall not consider any request for additional grant and replacement of equipment.
- j) Separate institutional overheads for execution of the project shall not be provided by AICTE.
- k) Multi-Disciplinary/Multi Institutions/Industry collaboration proposals will be given preference.

1.11 Submission of Mandatory documents in AICTE prescribed formats:

- a) Annual Progress Report (APR), Audited Utilization Certificate (AUC), Receipt & Payment Account (R&P), Statement of Expenditure (S.E.) on completion of each financial year
- b) Copies of GFR-19, copies of bills & vouchers and stock entry register duly attested
- c) Project Completion Report (PCR) with consolidated Audited Utilization Certificate (AUC) & Receipt and Payment Account (R&P)
- d) Feedback Form

1.12 Constitution of Project Monitoring Committee (PMC):

Institute shall constitute a Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) in the manner and for the purpose prescribed as below:

At institution level Project Monitoring Committee (PMC) has to be constituted by the Institute for reviewing the progress of the project from time to time. The composition of PMC should be as follows:-

- i) Director/Principal/Dean of the institute, college and university respectively (Chairman of the Committee).
- ii) All the Head of the Department of the institute/faculty of the technical disciplines.
- iii) One subject expert (to be nominated by the Principal Investigator)

The constitution of PMC may be sent to the Council for record. The General Terms of the references of PMC are as follows: -

- i) PMC should meet from time to time as required but at least once a year. The minutes of the meeting should be submitted to the Council.
- ii) PMC shall advise on the proper utilization of the funds under the project and ensure proper implementation of the scheme as per the objectives of the project.
- iii) The expenditure of TA and DA for outside experts to attend the PMC meeting would be provided out of the contingency grant of the project.
- iv) Quorum shall be complete if 75% of the members of the Committee are present in meeting.

AICTE reserves the right to appraise the project periodically.

2.1 Format for Submission of Proposals under the AICTE Research Promotion Scheme (RPS)

(An applicant must complete only as per the proforma relevant to his project. Proposals with either section missing or incomplete will be rejected without further consideration.)

General Information: Section A:

- i. Name of Institution / Univ. Department of Applicant
- ii. Address:
- iii. Phone / Mobile No. : _____ Fax: _____ STD Code: _____
- iv. Type of Institution: Govt./Govt. Aided/Self-financing/Institute Deemed to be University
- v. Name of the Partner Institute/Institutions
- vi. Name of the Industry Partner

Research Proposal Details: Section B

1 Title of the Proposal:

2 Major Area (refer list or state otherwise):

3 Detailed Research Proposal:

- 3.1 Abstract (in 500 words)
- 3.2 Objectives of the research proposal (in 100 words)
- 3.3 Justification of the problem statement with respect to the Department/Institution Needs:
- 3.4 Relevance of the research proposal with the Academic & Research Activities:
- 3.5 International Development in the Area of Project
 - 3.5.1 Please Carry out a Literature and Patent search for novel research problems
 - 3.5.2 International Status (in 500 words)
 - 3.5.3 National Status (in 500 words)
 - 3.5.4 Significance of Undertaking the proposed problem in the Context of Current Status (in 100 words)
- 3.6 Does the research problem have any Commercial Application or Patentability? (in 200 words)
- 3.7 Impact of Project:
- 3.8 Social Significance
- 3.9 Any other information related to the Project proposal/execution of the project:

4 Duration of Project

Sr. No.	Activity Block	Time Required (in months)
	Total Time: _____ months.	

Note: A time activity chart may also be submitted indicating time scheduled along with deliverables.

5 Budget Estimate

5.1 Recurring Expenditure (Consumable, Contingencies etc.)

Sr. No.		Total Proposed Cost in Lakhs (₹)
1.	Manpower (Only Research Staff)	
2.	Field Work/ Travel	
3.	Stationary	

5.2 Non-Recurring Expenditure

Sr. No.	Name of Equipment/ Facilities to be Procured	Make and Model of the Equipment	Total Proposed Cost in Lakhs (₹)	Justification for Procurement	Whether the Proposed Equipment Already Exist in the Department (Yes/No)

Note: Proposals supported by preliminary quotations from equipment manufacturers to the extent possible, are to be submitted to the AICTE.

Total Budget Estimate (A + B) = ₹ _____

It is understood and undertaken that Non-Recurring expenditure should not exceed 15% of the proposed project cost. AICTE support is only at a reasonable level to enable faculty members and research scholars in the project. AICTE expects that this support will result in a multiplier effect leading to major projects for support from other agencies. AICTE does not encourage hiring of secretarial manpower for the project.

Signature of the Applicant

Head of the Institution
Signature & Seal

Place: _____

Date: _____

2.2 Format for

**Photograph of
the Applicant**

Resume of Applicant/Co-Applicant

1. Name and Designation :

Scopus ID	ORCHID ID	Web of Science ID	Google Scholar ID	Total Citations & H Index (Google Scholar)	Total Citations and H Index (Scopus)

2. Date of Birth :

3. Name of the Institution :

4. Department :

5. Field of Specialization :

6. Academic Qualifications :

7. R&D and Teaching Experience :

8. Industrial Experience, if any :

9. Awards/ Prizes/ Certificates etc. :

10. Publications (Maximum 10) :
(Only Web of Science/Scopus)

Sr. No.	Title of Paper/Report/Book	Author(s)	Name, Volume, Number of Journal, and Year of Publication	Impact Factor

11. No. of Projects completed/ ongoing as Chief Coordinator/ Co-Investigator in the following format :

Sr. No.	Name of the funding agency (AICTE/ Others)	Name of the Scheme	Program Title	Year of Funding	Duration	Amount Sanctioned	Status (Completed / Ongoing)

Signature of the Applicant

Head of the Institution
Signature & Seal

Place: _____

Date: _____

2.3 Format for Profile of the Department

1. Name of the Department:

2. Name of the Head of the Department:

3. Full Address:

(Please include STD Code, Phone No., Fax No., E-mail/ Internet Address)

4. Whether the Institute is Approved by AICTE: YES No

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Date of First Approval and PID:

5. Specialized Subject Expertise Available in the Department:

6. Information about Faculty Members in the Department with their Area of Specialization:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation	Highest Academic Degree	Specialization

7. List of Collaborative Programmes, if any:

(National/ International)

8. Has the department been approved by AICTE: YES NO

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Year _____

9. Major equipment costing more than ₹ 1.0 Lakh available in the Department:

Sr. No.	Name of the Equipment	Cost in Lakhs (₹)	Model and Make

10. Courses available in the Department:

Level	Course/ Program Nomenclature	Approved Intake
Diploma UG PG Doctoral Post Doctoral		

Signature of the Applicant

Head of the Institution
Signature & Seal

Place: _____

Date: _____

2.4 Format for
Endorsement Form from Host Institute/Co-
Institute

1. It is certified that the Institution will assume full responsibility for fruitful completion of the project proposal submitted by Professor _____ as under AICTE-Research Promotion Scheme (RPS).
2. The Institute will provide all the basic facilities available in the Institution to ensure completion of the project and will undertake the financial and management responsibilities of the project.
3. This is to certify that the information provided in the project proposal is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
4. The Institute agrees to abide by the Terms and Conditions as laid down by AICTE as given in the scheme.

Head of the Institution
Signature & Seal

Place: _____

Date: _____

Note: Registrar for Universities; Director/Principal for Technical Institutions and Principal for Polytechnics should sign the endorsement.

2.5 Format for Consent Form from Industry / Institute of National Importance (Optional)

I, _____, representing _____, hereby acknowledge and provide consent for the collaboration with _____, a candidate of AICTE Research Promotion Scheme (RPS), for the research project titled _____.

Project Overview:

The project aims to _____ and is expected to be conducted in collaboration with _____ to enhance the practical applicability of the research within an industry setting/INI.

Consent for Collaboration:

1. **Access to company/institute Resources:** We grant the candidate access to necessary company/institute resources and information relevant to the research project, subject to confidentiality and proprietary considerations.
2. **Collaborative Meetings:** We agree to participate in regular collaborative meetings with the candidate and their mentor to discuss project progress, share insights, and address any industry-specific challenges.
3. **Project Relevance:** We understand that the project aims to address practical challenges within our industry and agree to provide insights, guidance, and feedback to ensure the research remains relevant and applicable.
4. **Data Sharing:** We consent to sharing relevant industry / institute data and information that can contribute to the success of the research project, ensuring that confidentiality agreements are in place where necessary.
5. **Ethical Considerations:** We will ensure that the collaboration adheres to ethical standards and guidelines, respecting the academic and professional integrity of both parties.

Project Timeline:

The collaboration is expected to commence on _____ and conclude on _____, aligning with the overall duration of the research project.

Authorized Representative's Details:

Full Name : _____
Position : _____
E-mail : _____
Phone Number : _____

Industry / Institute Consent:

I, _____, hereby consent to the collaboration with _____ on the research project described above. I understand and agree to the terms outlined in this consent form.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of the Authorized Representative
Signature & Seal

Signature of Mentor

Head of Institute
Signature & Seal

Place: _____

Date: _____

2.6 Format for
Summary Sheet for AICTE –RPS (A/B/C)

(Strikethrough Not Applicable Part)

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
Region	State	Name of the Institute	Address	City	Pin Code	Name of Department	Year of Establishment	Accreditation by NBA (Yes/No)	Name of the Research Fellow	E-mail Address of Research Fellow	Title of the Project	Project Cost	Duration of the Project	Type of Institute	Level of the Institute	Ongoing Project, If any (Yes/No)
See Annexure I	See Annexure I						Enclose the Attested copy of First Approval Letter from AICTE	If Yes, then enclose the Attested copy of the Letter from NBA						See Annexure III	See Annexure IV	

Signature of the Applicant
Signature & Seal

Head of the Institution
Signature & Seal

Place: _____

Date: _____

2.7 Format for
Half-Yearly Progress Report

(Please include sufficient details in sections 9 – 11 so as to facilitate proper evaluation of your proposal)

File No. : _____
(As mentioned in sanction letter)

Date of Sanction : _____

Subject Area : _____

1. Fellow : _____

(Name & Address)

2. Title of the Research Proposal : _____

3. Date of Commencement of the Project : _____

4. Amount Sanctioned by AICTE : _____

5. Amount Released by AICTE : _____

6. Details of Expenditure

A. Recurring

(Consumables, Manpower, TA, Books and Stationery etc.)

Sr. No.	Item	Cost
	Total	

B. Non-Recurring

Sr. No.	List of Equipment Procured	Cost
	Total	

Gross Total (A + B) : _____

7. Objective of the Project : _____

8. Salient Research Achievements

8.1 Summary of Progress : _____

8.2 New Findings/Achievements : _____

8.3 Innovation Brought in : _____

8.4 Potential for Application

8.4.1 Long Term : _____

8.4.2 Immediate : _____

8.5 Any Other : _____

9 List of Publications Arising from the RPS
(Please give Author(s). Title, Journal and Year)

10 Patent(s) Filed/to be Filed, if any

Research Fellow
Signature & Seal

Head of the Institution
Signature & Seal

Signature of Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) Member with Full Name and Designation

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Place: _____

Date: _____

2.8 Format for
Receipt & Payment Account
(For each Financial Year)

Financial Year: _____

Date: _____

Sr. No.	Receipt	Amount (₹)	Sr. No.	Payments	Amount (₹)
1	To Opening Balance				
2	To Grants Received by AICTE				
3	To Interest (if any)				
				Closing Balance	
	Total			Total	

 Finance Officer
 Signature & Seal

 Registrar/Principal/Director
 Signature & Seal

 Chartered Accountant
 Signature & Seal

Place: _____

Date: _____

2.9 Format for General Financial Rules

(Form GFR – 19)

Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of Government Grants

Register maintained by grantee institution

Block Account maintained by sanctioning authorities

Name of Sanctioning Authority

1. Serial No. : _____
2. Name of Grantee Institution : _____
3. No. and date of Sanction : _____
4. Amount of the Sanctioned Grant : _____
5. Brief purpose of the Grant : _____
6. Whether any condition(s) regarding right of ownership of Government in the property or other assets acquired out of the Grant was incorporated in the Grant-In-Aid sanction : _____
7. Particulars of assets actually credited or acquired : _____
8. Value of the assets as on : _____
9. Purpose for which utilized at present : _____
10. Encumbered or not : _____
11. Reasons if encumbered : _____
12. Disposed of or not : _____
13. Reasons and authority: if any, for disposal : _____
14. Amount realized on disposal : _____
15. Remarks : _____

Place: _____

Date: _____

Registrar/Director/Principal
Signature & Seal

**2.10 Format for
Statement of Expenditure**

Date: _____

File No. _____ : _____
 (As mentioned in sanction letter)
Title of the Research Proposal _____ : _____
Name of the Research Fellow _____ : _____

Sanction Order No. & Date	Grant Sanctioned	Details of expenditure Incurred Item wise	Amount ₹ (In each head)

 Research Fellow
 Signature & Seal

 Registrar/Principal/Director
 Signature & Seal

 Finance Officer
 Signature & Seal

 Chartered Accountant
 Signature & Seal

Note: If it is more than one page, each page must be signed & stamped in all annexures.

2.11 Format for
Provisional Utilization Certificate

(For each Financial Year)

Financial Year: _____

Date: _____

Sanction Letter No.: _____

A. Recurring

(Consumables, TA, Book and Stationery, Manpower etc.)

Sr. No.	Name of the Expenses	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilised	Unspent Balance
1				
	Total			

B. Non-Recurring

Sr. No.	Name of the Equipment Procured	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilised (Item wise)	Unspent Balance
1				
	Total			

Certified that the Grant has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned in accordance with the "Terms and Conditions" attached to the grant. If, as a result of check or audit objection some irregularity is noticed at a later stage, action will be taken to refund, adjust or regularize the amount objected to.

Finance Officer
Signature & Seal

Registrar/Principal/Director
Signature & Seal

Place: _____

Date: _____

Name and Address of
University/Institution

Note: The Utilization Certificate (UC) will be signed by the Registrar/ Finance Officer in the case of Universities, Principals in the case of Colleges and Executive Heads of other Institutions. The Provisional UC may be countersigned by the internal auditors wherever the system of the internal audit exists. In case of the Self Financing/ Private Institutions, UC has to be signed by a Chartered Accountant.

2.12 Format for
Audited Utilization Certificate

Date: _____

Certified that out of ₹ _____ of Grant-in- aid sanctioned during the year _____ Letter No. _____ ₹ _____ has been utilized for the purpose of _____ for which it was sanctioned and the balance of ₹ _____ remaining unutilized at the end of the year has been surrendered to All India Council For Technical Education (vide No. _____ dated _____)/ will be adjusted towards the Grants-in-aid payable during the next year i.e., _____ as per the details attached.

Certified that the Grant has been utilized as per laid down terms and conditions for which it was sanctioned.

Finance Officer
Signature & Seal

Registrar/Principal/Director
Signature & Seal

Chartered Accountant
Signature & Seal

Place: _____

Date: _____

2.13 Format for
Project Completion Report for AICTE – RPS

(Please include sufficient details in sections 8 – 10 so as to facilitate proper evaluation of your project.)

File No. : _____
(As mentioned in sanction letter)
Date of Sanction : _____
Subject Area : _____

1. Fellow : _____
(Name & Address)

2. Title of the Research Proposal : _____

3. Total Sanctioned amount : _____

4. Date of Commencement of the Project : _____

5. Duration of the Project : _____

6. Date of Completion of the Project : _____

7. Objective of the Project : _____

8. Salient Research Achievements

8.1 New Findings/Achievements/
IPR Potential : _____

8.2 Product/Process Developed : _____

8.3 Patent(s) Applied for/Taken,
if any : _____

8.4 B. Tech. Project/M. Tech Thesis/
PhD, if any : _____

8.5 Consultancy : _____

9 Conclusions Summarizing the Achievements including the Scope of Future Work.

10 List of Publications Arising from the RPS (please give Author(s), Title, Journal and Year)

Research Fellow
Signature & Seal

Registrar/Director/Principal
Signature & Seal

Comments/ Observations/ Recommendations of the Project Evaluation Committee (PEC):

Signature of PEC Member with Full Name and Designation

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Place: _____

Date: _____

2.14 Feedback Form

(for institutes)

1. Name and Address of the Institute : _____
2. Research Fellow (Name & Address) : _____
3. Title of the Research Proposal : _____
4. Total Sanctioned amount : _____
5. Total Amount released by AICTE : _____

6. Were you satisfied with the procedure adopted by AICTE with regard to the following:

	Poor 1	Average 2	Good 3	Excellent 4	Outstanding 5
(i) Calling of Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(ii) Scrutiny Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iii) Timely release of Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(iv) Quantum of Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(v) Any Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Your Experience:

8. Product/Prototype Development : _____
9. Research : _____
10. Patent Filed if any : _____
11. Suggestions if any:

Place: _____

Date: _____

Research Fellow
Signature & Seal

Registrar/Director/Principal
Signature & Seal

Annexures

3.1 Annexure – I
Distribution of Zones and States

(For AICTE Use)

Region	State/Union Territory
Central	Madhya Pradesh
	Gujarat
	Chhattisgarh
East	Mizoram
	Sikkim
	Orissa
	West Bengal
	Tripura
	Meghalaya
	Arunachal Pradesh
	Andaman and Nicobar
	Assam
	Manipur
	Nagaland
	Jharkhand
North	Bihar
	Uttar Pradesh
	Uttarakhand
North West	Chandigarh
	Haryana
	Jammu & Kashmir
	Ladakh
	New Delhi
	Punjab
	Rajasthan
	Himachal Pradesh
South	Andhra Pradesh
	Puducherry
	Tamil Nadu
South West	Karnataka
	Kerala
West	Maharashtra
	Goa
	Daman and Diu

3.2 Annexure – II

Types of Host Institution

1. University Department (Courses approved in Central/State/Private Universities by AICTE)
2. Deemed to be University
3. Government Institutes
4. Government Aided Institutes
5. Self-Financing Institutes

3.3 Annexure – III

Level of the Institution

1. Doctorate Level
2. Post Graduate Level
3. Under Graduate Level
4. Diploma Level

3.4 Annexure – IV

Thrust Areas

1. Advanced Computing (Supercomputing and Quantum Computing)
2. Advanced Manufacturing
3. Advanced Materials, Rare-earth & Critical Minerals
4. Aggrotech & Food processing
5. Artificial Intelligence and Data Science
6. Blue / Green Economy
7. Cyber Physical Systems and Cyber Security
8. Design thinking and Innovation
9. Digital Twins
10. Disaster Management & Resilient Infrastructure
11. Energy, Sustainability & Climate Change
12. Health Care & Med Tech
13. Hydrogen Energy
14. Manufacturing & Industry 4.0
15. Next Gen Communications and signal processing
16. Semiconductors
17. Smart Cities
18. Smart Mobility
19. Space and Defense
20. Any other emerging technology area