Call for Proposals for Research Grant/Seed Money for PG Students

1. Purpose

The Bharathidasan University Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub (BECH-RUSA 2.0) established in July 2019 under RUSA 2.0, has set out a mission of instilling the elements of inventive innovative abilities in the scholastic educational plan and examination at the advanced education level. As a development to the students sharpening program, BECH-RUSA 2.0 welcomes applications for Research Grant/ Seed Money for Project Proposals, from Post Graduate and Under Graduate Students of Bharathidasan University Departments. This will be a plan of arrangement of Research Grant/ Seed Money as beginning capital help to empower possible new ideas prompting new products and services.

2. Eligibility / Who can apply?

The Post Graduate (Two Year Programme – III Semester; Three Year Programme – V Semester; Five Year Integrated Programme – IX Semester; Six Year Integrated Programme – XI Semester) and Under Graduate (U.G./ B.Voc – V Semester)) Students of Bharathidasan University Departments are eligible to apply for this scheme. Applicants are encouraged to submit innovative/novel project proposals preferably leading to startups/ entrepreneurship.

3. Mentor

Applicants should identify a Faculty Member of their respective Departments to be his/ her Mentor and get the Mentor's consent prior to applying for this scheme. It should be noted that not more than 5 students will be assigned to one Mentor under any circumstances.

4. Project Budget

Research Grant / Seed Money for Project Proposals of up to Rs. 15,000/- (Arts/ Management/ Languages) and Rs. 25,000/- (Sciences/ Engineering / Technology) per proposal shall be sanctioned to the Selected Project Proposals.

Tentative Budget Format	
Heads of Account	**Amount in Rs.**
Equipment/ Field work	
Consumables, contingencies and others	
Overhead charges to BECH-RUSA 2.0 & University @ 10%	

5. **Tenure of the Project**:

   The tenure of the Project shall be One year from the date of sanction of the Project.

6. **Mode of Application and Selection of Project Proposals**

   - The call for application regarding the Research Grant/Seed Money is notified through the circulars and websites https://bechrusa.in and www.bdu.ac.in

   - Applicants should submit the Project Proposal in online.

   - Applicants should submit an endorsement letter duly endorsed by the Head of the Department and the Mentor along with the Project Proposal.

   - A Scrutinizing Committee will scrutinize the Students' Applications/ Project Proposals and the selected Students will be called for a presentation and interview with a Selection Committee which will assess the Project Proposals on several key qualitative and quantitative factors.

   - The selected Project Proposals by the Selection Committee will be awarded the Research Grant/Seed Money (The decision of the Selection Committee will be final.).

7. **Documents Required**

   a) Updated Resume (Download Template)

   b) Qualification Certificates

   c) Age proof Certificate

   d) Category Certificate (in case of Age Relaxation)

   e) Undertaking certificate by the applicant (Download Template)

   f) Consent letter from Mentor (Download Template), if applicable

   g) Brief CV of the Mentor (Download Template), if applicable

8. **General Conditions / Exit Policy**

   1. The project approved to students is not transferable to other students in any case.

   2. Not more than one Project Proposal is allowed per student.

   3. The Project duration is one year and should be closely worked with the mentor/supervisor to accomplish the objectives of the Project Proposal.

   4. The student who wish to perform part of his/ her studies in Intra-Department/ National Laboratories may be permitted with approval as per University norms.

   5. No extension in tenure is permissible under any circumstances.

   6. A final report must be submitted to the BECH-RUSA 2.0, a week before the closing date of the project, which has to be endorsed by the respective Mentors and Heads of the Departments.

   7. All equipment purchased under this scheme should be handed over to the respective Departments on completion of the project.

   8. No objection certificate must be obtained by the student from BECH-RUSA 2.0 duly endorsed by the respective Mentors and Heads of the Departments on completion of the project.

   9. The project work must be presented in Seminar/Review Committee /Tech Platform/ Hackathon.

   10. In case any student fails to complete the project, he/she has to refund the Research Grant/Seed Money to BECH-RUSA 2.0.