

# Maturi Venkata Subba Rao (Mvsr) Engineering College (An Autonomous Institution) Research, Development & Consultancy (RDC) Cell

# SEED Grant Policy for Research

#### Introduction

The seed grant in MVSR Engineering College is designed to encourage active research in upcoming areas of national and international importance, to promote innovative product and technology development, and/or to facilitate the procurement of state of art equipment in research centers.

## Objectives

- > To motivate junior faculty and engage them in research and innovative projects.
- To test a novel idea and to generate preliminary results before submitting proposal to external agencies.
- > To promote multidisciplinary research in emerging areas.
- > To encourage IPR, Quality publications and product development.

### Grant

- 1. Grants shall be awarded based on the quality of project.
- 2. The duration of the grant will be for one year.
- 3. The duration can be extended with additional grant if required based on review report.

## Scope of the Grant

- 1. This grant is to encourage the regular faculty of MVSREC to submit their innovative ideas as seed research proposals.
- 2. Any regular faculty with PhD degree/registered for PhD is eligible to apply for the same as Principal Investigator (PI). The, Co-PI should also be the member of MVSREC only.
- 3. A regular faculty can submit only one application as a PI. However, he/she can be a Co-PI in more than one proposal.
- 4. The PI at the time of submission of application shall not have a running project funded by seed grant or any external funding agency.
- 5. PI and Co-PI may be from the different departments. The number of Co-PI should not exceed two. PI needs to ensure student participation (UG or PG or Both) in the project. A maximum of four students (from same or different programs) are permitted to participate in the research project.

- 6. Expected outcomes of the project should be in the form of patents, technology solutions, product development and research paper publications. In all cases, affiliation to college is mandatory.
- 7. PI should submit a progress report every three months for review by the technical committee constituted by Principal, MVSREC.
- 8. Project completion report to be submitted to Principal and IQAC for purposes of record.
- 9. In case, the PI leaves the college before completion of the project, the Co-PI will assume the responsibility as PI. In case, if Co-PI is not mentioned in the proposal, PI has to surrender the total amount sanctioned as grant.
- 10. PI of the project must submit the utilization certificate on time to the Principal's office and IOAC.

#### **Selection Process:**

- 1. The chief coordinator of RDC Cell shall issue circular for project proposals every year amongst faculty under seed grant.
- 2. The proposal is to be submitted to chief coordinator of RDC Cell.
- 3. The Proposal will be reviewed by a technical committee, appointed by Principal.
- 4. The PI and Co-PI are invited to make a presentation before the technical committee.
- 5. Decision of the grant award will be announced.
- 6. Final list to be forwarded to the accounts department for disbursement of sanctioned grants after the approval of higher authorities.
- 7. Seed funded research project sanctioned letter will be issued to PIs of projects selected by the committee.

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