

Terms and conditions for research support scheme:

Terms and Conditions for Research Support Scheme were approved by Executive committee in its 17th meeting dated: 14/09/2012 and then amended vide note dated: 16/09/2017 by Secretary, DST and Chairman, Executive Committee, considering the projects leading to product, process and prototype development.

Terms and conditions:

- 1. The aim of the scheme is to support research on the problems relevant to the State and their solutions through biotechnology interventions, leading to product, process or prototype development.**
2. The scheme is for colleges, universities and research organization running on “Not-for-profit” basis.
3. Deemed universities or self-finance institutions will also be eligible for seeking support under this scheme, if they produce 2f & 12b certificate from UGC.
4. Research Institutions running on “Not-for-profit” basis and having Certificate of Registration with DSIR will be eligible for financial support, public sector institutions established by State Government are exempted from providing such certificates.
5. All proposals should be submitted online only. Format of proposal for reference could be downloaded from https://btm.gujarat.gov.in/rss/project_proposal.docx
6. It will be the obligation of project coordinator/ Principal Investigator to obtain all necessary permissions/ clearance including ethical clearance as required by different rules, regulations, acts of the State Government/ Government of India. GSBTM shall not be in any way responsible for the same.
7. Preferably one project / investigator / year will be considered (whether as principal investigator or co-investigator or Project coordinator) except public sector research organizations established by State Government.
8. Preferably one project / department / institute will be considered for financial support except public sector research organizations by State Government.
9. Project should, preferably, be for the maximum period of three years.
10. Consequent to primary scrutiny of the proposal, the investigator will be invited to make a project presentation before the committee and he/she has to submit any

document(s) which will be required for the committee for further scrutiny of the proposal.

11. The projects should be outcome specific and roadmap should be developed for the particular product/ process/ prototype with respect to the time line.

12. The investigator should have Ph.D./MD/MS degree from the recognized university.

13. Principal Investigator should be a regular employee of the eligible institution/ organization.

14. The investigator should not be allowed to have research fellows as co-investigators.

15. The sanctioned amount should be utilized for the sanctioned project only.

16. No administrative expenditure will be permitted from the sanctioned amount.

17. All the procurements should be made in accordance with provisions of the purchase policy, rules and regulations of Government of Gujarat. The tender processing of the related works and goods should be done in accordance with existing policy of the Government of Gujarat including provisions/instructions for E-Tendering.

(Link: http://www.imd-gujarat.gov.in/Document/2016-6-7_379.pdf)

18. Emoluments of the Research Fellows working in GSBTM supported projects:

The revised emoluments as approved by 29th Executive Committee meeting dtd. 28/9/2021 are mentioned below. Revised emoluments will be applicable w.e.f. 01/10/2021 to the fellows appointed under the ongoing and to be appointed in new research projects funded by GSBTM.

A. For qualified fellows as per Government of India Guidelines:

Sr. No.	Post	Current emoluments per month	Revised emoluments per month
		As per Department of Science and Technology GoI, Office memorandum SR/S9/Z-09 /2012 dated 21/10/2014	As per Department of Science and Technology GoI, Office memorandum SR/S9/Z-08 /2018 dated 30/01/2019*
1	Junior Research Fellow	Rs. 25,000/- + HRA	Rs. 31,000/- + HRA
2	Senior Research Fellow	Rs. 28,000/- + HRA	Rs. 35,000/- + HRA
3	Research Associate - 1	Rs. 36,000/- + HRA	Rs. 47,000/- + HRA
4	Research Associate - 2	Rs. 38,000/- + HRA	Rs. 49,000/- + HRA
5	Research Associate - 3	Rs. 40,000/- + HRA	Rs. 54,000/- + HRA

*The fellows will be paid HRA as per 20% of previous fellowship until the Government revises the HRA.

For fellows not having qualification as per Government of India Guidelines:

Sr. No.	Post	Current emoluments per month	Revised emoluments per month
1	Junior Research Fellow	Rs. 18,720/- fixed	Rs. 23,213/- Fixed
2	Senior Research Fellow	Rs. 21,840/- fixed	Rs. 27,300/- Fixed
3	Research Associate - 1	Rs. 29,000/- fixed	Rs. 37,845/- Fixed
4	Research Associate - 2	Rs. 30,000/- fixed	Rs. 38,670/- Fixed
5	Research Associate - 3	Rs. 31,000/- fixed	Rs. 41,850/- Fixed

19. Equipment grants should not be more than Rs. 5 Lakhs / Project.
20. Contingency and Travel expenditure should not be more than 3% of the project cost.
21. Overhead expenditure shall be 10% of recurring budget.
22. IP will belong to GSBTM with an option of reverse licensing to researchers/ innovators/ students for 3 years.
23. Perpetual Royalty sharing will be 2%, or 100% licensing rights to innovator can be provided at the cost of Rs. 25 Lakhs for product, process or prototype developed subject to mutual agreement between Investigators, or licensing rights will go to highest bidder amongst the investigators.
24. Gene Bank / Bio Bank data and Biomaterials should be deposited with GBRC.
25. Validation and further development rights will be with the GSBTM.
26. All the Intellectual properties out of this research support will be managed via an IP management platform by GSBTM.
27. The investigators/ institutions receiving the grant will have to submit milestone based quarterly, six monthly and annual progress report in the standardized format to GSBTM. (https://btm.gujarat.gov.in/rss/project_progress_report.docx)
28. The grant will be released half yearly and it will be linked with milestones based on the scientific outcome for resolution of the problem for which project is submitted.
29. It is mandatory for the PI to submit expenditure details online every quarter in the following month (<https://btm.gujarat.gov.in/rss/expenditure.docx>).
30. Project completion report should be submitted within one month of completion of project tenure along with photographs, publications, process/ product/ prototype documentation to GSBTM
(https://btm.gujarat.gov.in/rss/Project_Completion_Report.docx).

31. In all the publications or presentations, the principal investigator shall acknowledge GSBTM, Government of Gujarat for financial assistance.
32. This office holds all rights for the scheme and in case of any discrepancy or dispute, decision of the Mission Director, GSBTM shall be final.
33. If the PI to whom a grant for a project has been sanctioned wishes to leave the institution where the project is based, the institute / PI will inform the same to GSBTM immediately and will ensure that the Co-PI if any is appointed in consultation with the GSBTM who can take over the responsibility of project implementation. This consultation with GSBTM needs to be done before relieving the PI.
34. In the case where PI leaves the institution and wants to continue the project in the new institution in Gujarat, GSBTM allows the transfer of the project along with balance grant and the assets to the new institute provided that the notice has been given in advance, the administrative authority of both institutes agree in writing, and the project aims can still be achieved.
35. Foreign nationals (OCI, PIO) are eligible to submit research proposals in line with the approved eligibility criteria of SERB (Detailed guidelines are mentioned below) with a condition that grant is utilized in the State of Gujarat.
 - a) Foreign National (Including PIO, OCI) working as regular employee in any of the publicly funded and recognized research and development laboratories/institutions in India are eligible to apply for funds from GSBTM as PIs in collaboration with an Indian Co-PI.
 - b) PIs having foreign nationality should have sufficient residual service (about 4 years) to ensure completion of the project.
 - c) An Indian Co-PI from the same Host Institute/ Laboratory with adequate service to collaborate in successful implementation of the proposed project.
 - d) Endorsement Certificate from the Head of the Organization/Director of the Host Institute/ Laboratory should ensure the clearances from Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs of the GoI.
 - e) Head of the Organization/Director of the Host Institute /Laboratory is responsible to maintain the security and sensitivity of the research findings emerged in implementing such a project.
 - f) All the approved grant-in-aid should be utilized in Gujarat and expenditure on foreign travel is not allowed.
 - g) Funding body reserves the right to discontinue or close such project/s at any time without notice.
 - h) All other terms and conditions in implementing various schemes/programs of the Funding Body are applicable.