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## NOTIFICATION

This is to notify that "Regulations on Start Up Project for the Young Faculty" will be in force with immediate effect.

This is issued with approval of the competent authority, subject to ratification by the Academic Council.

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**TEMJENSOSANG**  
Director  
Research and Development Cell

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Copy to:-

1. The Secretary to VC, Nagaland University for kind information of the Vice Chancellor
2. The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, Medziphema/Kohima Campus for information
3. The Registrar, Nagaland University, Lumami for information
4. The Finance Officer, Nagaland University, Lumami for information
5. The Dean, School of Sciences/Social Sciences/Humanities & Education/SASRD/SET/Legal Studies/Management Studies for information
6. The Head, Department of \_\_\_\_\_, Nagaland University, \_\_\_\_\_ Campus for information and circulation
7. The Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK, Nagaland University, Lumami for kind information and circulation
8. The Deputy Registrar, Academics and Conference Section, Nagaland University, Lumami with a request to place in the forth coming Academic Council Meetings for ratification.
9. The System Administrator, Nagaland University, Lumami with a request to upload on the RDC Webpage of University website
10. Office file

  
23/05/2023  
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Assistant Registrar (RDC)

NAGALAND UNIVERSITY  
HQRS: LUMAMI

REGULATION FOR START-UP PROJECT FOR YOUNG FACULTY

**1. Preamble**

Research and development is an integral part of advancement of education. With this view Nagaland University realises the need to facilitate its faculty in building both the knowledge and the wealth gradually and continuously through their research work. However, no research work can happen instantaneously and research grants are limited. Hence, to help faculty obtain substantial research grants, Nagaland University provides them with 'seed money' to get their research project off the ground. The University too aims to promote research and innovation amongst young faculty. Seed funding under this scheme is to be used to initiate/continue the research work of the new faculty. The faculty can incorporate the learning outcome through this process in their classroom teaching and publishing their work in good international/national journals, patents, and other forms of expression of creative works. The primary objective of seed money grant is to facilitate further financial support from industry or government funding agencies related to research and consultancy assignments. Preference will be given to young talented faculty members.

**1. Objectives of Seed Money Grant**

- 1.1. Seed money research grant provided by the University aims to promote research and innovation among faculties.
- 1.2. To create an environment that fosters a culture of innovations and research leading to development and processes, tools product or services.
- 1.3. Most funding agencies expect the applicant to have some prior experience in carrying out research work. Hence, faculty who are at the early stages of their career find it difficult to get funds for their projects. NU's seed money grant scheme is directed at mitigating this problem by providing such faculty with an initial grant with which they can kickstart their research work.
- 1.4. Using this initial work as 'proof of concept' or 'proof of experience', they are then expected to apply to external funding agencies (both public and private) to take their project to its intended goal.
- 1.5. In this way, seed money is not so much a research grant as a grant to get research grants.

**2. Eligibility Criteria**

All teachers who are appointed at the level of Assistant Professor in the faculties of Basic Science/Life Science/ Applied Science/Engineering/ Agriculture/ Social Science/Business studies/Languages/Law, following the specified procedure of university will be eligible to apply for financial support under the scheme. The faculty must have completed at least 2 years of their service in NU at the time of applying for research grant. However, a shorter period of service at Nagaland University can also be considered in exceptional cases based on project quality. The faculty must have a Ph.D. degree / substantial research work (published articles in reputed journals) at the time of applying for research grant in Basic Sciences/Life Sciences/ Engineering/ Agriculture/ Applied Science/Social Sciences/Business Studies/Languages/Law. However, this requirement may be softened in some professional field. The faculty applying for the research grant shall be the Principal Investigator (PI).

### 3. Process

- 3.1. Interested faculty must submit their proposal duly forwarded by the Head and the Dean (Annexure I) to the Director, RDC before the last date of submission, clearly and convincingly demonstrating that the proposed project represents a new research direction in an area likely to benefit society/ possibility to file a patents/copyright, share information through research publication for further growth of research.
- 3.2. Applicant will be the PI for the seed money grant. However, the PI can propose co-investigator who are faculty member from the department concerned or from other department in case of the proposal is of inter-disciplinary nature.
- 3.3. The Director, RDC, will constitute an ad-hoc committee to review the proposal.
- 3.4. The committee may choose to call the faculty for face-to-face interview/presentation.
- 3.5. The report of the ad-hoc committee will be submitted to the Director, RDC, who will accept or not accept the proposal.
- 3.6. If the proposal is rejected, the faculty may reapply after incorporating the suggestions/recommendations of the ad-hoc committee.
- 3.7. If the proposal is approved, it will be forwarded to the office of the Vice Chancellor for final approval.
- 3.8. Once approved by the Vice Chancellor, the proposal will be forwarded by the office of the Vice Chancellor to the Finance Section for the release of funds.
- 3.9. The faculty may then commence their research work.

### 4. Proposal Evaluation Proposal shall be evaluated using 1 to 5 scale.

Name of the Principal Investigator

Title of the Research Proposal

Department

School

S.No.	Particulars	Rating (1 to 5) *
1.	Relevance of the Project Title in the current scenario	
2.	Statement of the Problem	
3.	National and international Status	
4.	Significance of the Study	
5.	Project objectives/deliverables	
6.	Methodology/Technical /Management Aspects	
7.	Justification of Budget	

\*1. Excellent 2. Good 3. Average 4. Poor 5. Very Poor

Overall Rating of the Projects:

Comments/Suggestions on the Research Proposal:

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

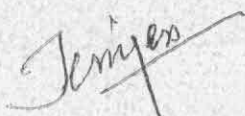
Name

Designation

Signature

### 5. Procedure for release of grant

- 5.1. Administrative approval is issued to the PI of selected project. The money will not be transferred directly to the faculty. However, for the smooth implementation of the project all the Principal Investigators must procure necessary items by taking prior approval from the concerned authorities as per the University's rules. Further, quotations/bills must be in the name of "The Registrar", Nagaland University, Lumami".

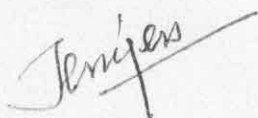


- 5.2. Faculty may not use the seed money for their Ph.D. work.
- 5.3. No TA/DA/Registration fee would be permitted for incurring expenses by Faculty Member for participation in any Workshop/Training Program/Conferences/Meetings out of the seed money for the Research Projects.
- 5.4. All items procured (books, equipment, stationery, furniture) under the Seed Money Grant Scheme shall be the property of the University.
- 5.5. Likewise, faculty may not use the seed money for organising conferences, seminars, webinars, and other such events.

**6. Outcome of the Research Project**

The outcome of the project should lead to a minimum of two publications (out of which one should be published + another proof of communication) in SCOPUS/UGCCARE listed journals (journal should not levy any article processing charges/paid charges). The objective of seed money grant is to facilitate further financial support from industry or government funding agencies related to research and consultancy assignments.

7. **Duration of the Project:** The duration of the project is for 2 years. In exceptional cases maximum up to one year extension may be given on the recommendation of RDC.
8. The PI must make a presentation of his/her Progress Report (Annexure-II) to the RDC every 6 months after approval. If the progress/presentation is found to be unsatisfactory, the project may be terminated pre-maturely. On completion of the project, the faculty member is required to submit a detailed completion report including the minimum of two research articles published in SCOPUS/UGC care listed journals with good impact factor (journals without article processing fee or/and page charges), Utilization Certificate, Statement of Expenditure along with a hard copy of the research findings to the RDC, within one month of the scheduled completion date. The research outcome can be used to develop project proposals for further research to be submitted to external funding agencies.



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