

MHRD/UGC Empowered Committee on Initiative on “Start-UP Grant for newly Recruited Faculty”

The MHRD/UGC Empowered Committee spearheading a national effort to strengthen Basic Scientific Research in universities and colleges, has found it desirable to launch a scheme on “Research start-up grant for Newly Recruited Faculty” at Assistant Professor level.

ELIGIBILITY:

All teachers who are newly appointed at the level of Assistant Professor against the permanent post in the faculties of Basic Science, Engineering and Technology, following the specified procedure of university will be eligible to receive financial support under the scheme.

The Assistant professor should possess Ph.D. degree with minimum two research publications in approved/cited journals. The Assistant Professor should apply within a period of one year from the date of joining the post in the Department/University as per the prescribed proforma (Annexure-A).

NATURE OF ASSISTANCE

The UGC will provide a grant of Rs.6.00 lakhs for items like minor equipment (upto Rs.1.00 lakh only), consumables, contingencies and field work. There shall not be any request for the post of Research Fellow/Project assistance etc., since it is expected that the assistant professor as a young researcher needs to conduct bench work by himself/herself. The grant should be utilized within two years of approval. The Assistant Professor will send the Utilization Certificate along with statement of expenditure through the University/College.

MECHANISM OF SELECTION:

The scheme is open throughout the year. There is a designated website <http://ugcfrps.ac.in/uohyd/start-up-research-grant/> to apply for the fellowship.

The National Coordinator of this Programme goes through the applications, evaluates them and makes recommendations.

The Empowered Committee for Basic Scientific Research (BSR) in Indian Universities goes through the recommendations of the National Coordinator of the Programme and takes the final decision.

The Empowered Committee will select the candidates on the basis of expert appraisal.