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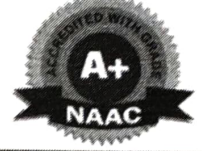
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Notice

Ref. No.: 63 (i) /DORD/Seed Money/2026

Date:17/02/2026

To,

The Dean of the School (Chemical Tech, Engineering, Basic &AS, Humanities)

In accordance to the decision of the Executive Council and as per the kind approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, a one-time Seed Money provision has been introduced for newly inducted Assistant Professors (Regular) to enhance the Research and Development (R&D) activities of the University. Eligible applicants may apply for financial assistance to support research initiatives, address challenges faced by local and global communities, SDGs and refine technology-based research. Accordingly, applications (in hard and soft copies) are hereby invited from eligible regular Assistant Professors for submission of seed money research project proposals for the year 2026, as per the attached guidelines, along with a covering letter duly endorsed by the concerned Head/Dean of the School to the R&D office.

Duration of the Project: Maximum One Year


Extent of Financial Assistance: From Rs. 30,000/- to a maximum of Rs. 2.0 Lac

Closing date of the proposal submission: 31 March, 2026

First progress review: After six months of the sanction date

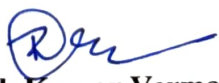
The grant shall be awarded for a maximum period of **one (01) year only**, and no extension beyond this period shall be permitted under any circumstances. All submitted proposals shall be subjected to scrutiny by the Screening Committee through a presentation at the Department and Centre level. The decision of the Committee in all matters shall be final and binding. No inquiry or correspondence will be entertained in this regard. If the progress of the project is found to be unsatisfactory at any stage, the release of further instalments of the grant may be withheld or terminated. Upon completion of one year, the Investigator (PI) shall submit a Project report with publications, and Utilization Certificate in the prescribed format.

Enclosure: As above (Annexure page no. 1 to 10)


(Prof. Rajesh Kumar Verma)
Dean-Research & Development

Copy to the following for kind information and needful:

1. Concern HoD for circulation among eligible Assistant Professors.
2. Registrar
3. Finance Controller
4. System Manager for circulation on the website
5. Staff officer: for kind information to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.


(Prof. Rajesh Kumar Verma)
Dean-Research & Development



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OFFICE OF THE DEAN RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D)

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Guidelines & Application form for Seed Money Project

Introduction

The objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to initiate research in frontier areas at the university so that newly inductee regular faculty members (Assistant Professors) can showcase their potential in research which will further facilitate them to grab opportunities of funding from industries or government funding agencies related to research and consultancy assignments.

Eligibility criteria:

1. The scheme is open to newly inducted **Regular faculty members** (Assistant Professors) of the institution with a proven track record of quality research.
2. A faculty member can submit only **one proposal** at a time as Principal Investigator (PI). Moreover, CO-PI is not permitted under seed money project scheme.
3. This scheme is particularly to encourage **newly inducted regular Assistant Professors** for research, hence the faculty members who have already completed/ongoing any Research Project of minimum INR 05 Lakhs as PI/CO-PI are not eligible for applying.
4. Faculty members who have received **start-up grant/seed money or any other grant** from any other funding agency are not eligible.

Award

1. The grant will be awarded for a maximum of **One year**.
2. The financial assistance will be given minimum **INR 30,000 (Thirty thousand)** to **maximum INR 2,00,000 (Two Lakhs)** depending on the nature of the project.
3. Extension of project duration will not be allowed in any circumstances.



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Guidelines

1. The interested faculty members are requested to submit a detailed research proposal in the prescribed format as per enclosed and submit it through proper channel to the Dean (R&D).
2. Faculty members applying for Seed Money project proposal are required to submit a signed undertaking in the prescribed format stating that the submitted proposal is their original idea and has not been copied or taken verbatim from anyone or from any other sources.
3. The submitted proposal must be checked for plagiarism and AI (less than 15%) through a plagiarism and AI detection tool i.e. Turnitin, approved by the Institute and the contents are original and not copied/taken from any one or many other sources. The applicant must follow the UGCs Regulations on prevention of Plagiarism and AI. If the competent authority notices any plagiarism/AI or any other discrepancies in the submitted proposal, the applicant will abide by whatsoever action is taken against him/her by the university, as deemed necessary.
4. The applicant hereby certifies that the same project proposal has not been submitted elsewhere for financial support. The sole responsibility for ensuring the originality, authenticity, compliance with plagiarism regulations, proper disclosure of any AI usage, and overall academic integrity of the proposal shall rest entirely with the applicant.
5. After scrutiny, the short-listed candidates may be requested to make a presentation before the expert committee.
6. The sanctioned project will be evaluated to monitor its progress after six months by a review committee.
7. The PI will be solely responsible for the completion of the project and the funds have to be utilized within the stipulated period of one year. The grant money has to be utilized in accordance with the approved budget.
8. If the progress in the project work is not found to be satisfactory, release of further funding may be terminated.



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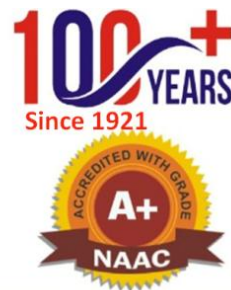
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9. If any patent emerges out of the research project, the institution will be considered as owner. Such patent will recognize contributions by all researchers as "inventors", and any resulting royalties will be shared by the institution with the inventors.
10. The purchase of Mobile, laptop, desktop, Furniture, AC etc. are not allowed under this project scheme. The supporting research personnel, such as field/lab. Assistants or Helpers, Clerks, Typists, etc. will not normally be provided.
11. Funds for construction works may not be provided except in very special circumstances where the Research Committees have specifically recommended the provision of essential experimental structures like animal sheds, small animal houses, glass houses etc.
12. The University reserves the right to withdraw/cancel any project at any time without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of the University in all matters relating to acceptance or rejection of a project proposal, eligibility/ suitability of the candidates, mode/criteria of selection, etc., will be final and binding on the applicants. No inquiry or correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
13. In case the PI leaves the institution before the completion of the project, he/she has to return the entire sanctioned grant to the university.
14. It is expected from the investigator to publish the results/outcome of the project in the SCI/SCOPUS/ refereed journals within one year of completion of the project, and the contribution of the HBTU should be duly acknowledged.



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**Application form
Part -A
(General Information)**

1. Title of the proposal		
2. Broad area of proposal		
3. Sub Area of proposal		
4. Details of Principal Investigator (PI)		
Name	Designation & Department	Contact details (e-mail, mobile number, Ext. no.)
5. Date of joining the Department (DD/MM/YYYY)		

***Attach the detailed Biodata and copy of first page of your publications separately along with this application.**



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Part -B

(Educational Qualification and Previous Research Experience of PI)

1. Educational Qualification				
Qualification	Subject	Board/University	Year	Percentage
i. Ph. D.				
ii. Post-Graduation				
iii. Under Graduation				
2. Have you previously received any Fellowship from any funding agency? (YES/NO)				
3. If yes, please indicate the details				
4. Details of on-going and completed research funded projects (if any)				
Sr. No	Title	Project Cost	Sponsoring Agency	Duration (Start – End – MM/YYYY)
5. Total Experience		Teaching Experience: (..... Year + Months)		
		Research Experience: (.....Year + Months)		
		Industrial Experience: (.....Year + Months)		
6. No. of Publication (Research articles - SCOPUS, WoS)		National: International:		
7. No. of Publication (Book Chapters) Books Published				
8. No. of Patents		Design Patents: Utility Patents:		
(Please enclose the list of research articles, patents and books published and/or accepted during last five years)				



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Part -C

PROJECT PROPOSAL

1. Title (To be specific within the area of research)
2. Abstract (Provide a summary of your research proposal in 300 words)
3. Introduction: (500 words)
4. Objectives of the proposed study:
5. Significance of the proposed study: (300 words)
6. Novelty of the proposed study: (300 words)
7. Expected benefits of proposed research project at the societal level: (300 words)
8. Methodology: (1000- 1500 words)
9. Suggested plan of action: (300 words)
10. Schedule of the Project Task (Gantt Chart Preferred)
11. Mention compliance with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Technology Readiness Level (TRL)
12. Budget Requirements

a. Consolidated budget:

Sr .No.	Items/Particulars	Total Amount
1.	Minor fabrication Equipment	
2.	Contingency including software, Consumables, Travel (In India only)etc.	
3.	Others	
GRAND TOTAL		Maximum INR 02 Lacs

Signature of PI	Recommendation of HoD Sign & Seal	Recommendation of Dean (School) Sign & Seal



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Part -D

Undertaking cum Endorsement certificate

Project Title “.....”

1. The same project proposal has not been submitted elsewhere for financial support.
2. The research work proposed in the scheme/project does not in any way duplicate the work already done or being carried out elsewhere on the subject.
3. The submitted proposal is my original idea and has not been copied/taken verbatim from anyone or from any other sources. I further certify that this proposal has been checked for plagiarism through a plagiarism/AI detection tool i.e. Turnitin approved by the Institute and is less than 15% and also, the contents are original and not copied/taken from any one or many other sources. If the competent authority notices any plagiarism or any other discrepancies in the above proposal of mine, I will abide by whatsoever action taken against me by the university, as deemed necessary.
4. If the project is sanctioned for assistance, I take full responsibilities to undertake the proposed research project and submit the Project Completion Report, Statement of Expenditure and Utilization certificate immediately after successful completion of project (One year). In case PI leaves the institution before the completion of the project, he/she will return the entire sanctioned grant to the university.
5. I will publish findings in SCI/SCOPUS / refereed journal indexed Journals with due acknowledgement to the HBTU. Also, I agree to publish two (02) nos. research publications (Journal/Patent/ reputed conference)
6. I agree that the grant amount will be utilized solely for the approved purposes and in accordance with the Institute’s financial rules and purchase procedures.
7. I have not been involved as PI/CO-PI in any sponsored R&D project of cost Rs. Five lacs or above.
8. I have not received a **start-up grant/seed money or any other grant** from any other funding agency are not eligible.
9. I will return the full sanctioned project amount if any of the above are not complied with.
10. This is to certify that the information furnished in the above applications are true to best of my knowledge. Also, I agree to abide by the terms and conditions issued by the competent authority from time to time.

Name and signature of Principal Investigator with date:

I have checked all the above points, and the research proposal is forwarded and **Recommended / Not Recommended** for funding.

Signature of Head of Deptt with Seal

I have checked all the above points, and the research proposal is forwarded and **Recommended / Not Recommended** for funding.

Signature of Dean of School with Seal



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Half-Yearly/Annual Progress Report format for seed money-funded project

1. Name of Principal Investigator:
2. Title of Project:
3. Project start date:
4. Period of report:
5. Work planned in the above period (attached separate sheet):
6. Work completed in the above period (attached separate sheet):
7. Number of objectives achieved
8. Outcome (like journal papers, articles, patents etc. Attach separate sheet):
9. Details of expense:

S. No.	Item	Expense	Comments
	Total		

10. Percentage of amount utilized against sanctioned amount:
11. Plan for next phase (attached separate sheet):

Name & Signature of PI:

Date:

Remarks of the HOD

Signature & Seal:

Signature of Dean of School

Signature of Finance Controller:

Countersigned by Registrar:

Forwarded to Dean R&D



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UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE (UC) FOR SEED MONEY PROJECT

1. Certified that the grant ofreleased for year vide letter No.dated:.....) sanctioned vide letter No.dated:has been properly utilised to the extent of Rs./- for research work on the following project sanctioned by the University in its letter No.dated:..... Name of research project/work:
2. The details of grant utilised during the period fromtoare as under:
 - (i). On Contingencies and travel etc: Rs.
 - (ii). On purchase of special equipment/prototype development: Rs.....
 - (iii). Other Allowance, If any: Rs.Total expenditure: Rs.
Balance Amount: Rs.

Also certified that the grant has been utilised in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the University and that the accounts thereof will be got audited in the course and the relevant extracts from the audit report are enclosed for information of the University.

Signature of investigators-in-charge.

Signature of HoD with Seal

Signature of Dean of School

Signature of Finance Controller:

Countersigned by Registrar

Forwarded to Dean R&D



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Date:

Cover Letter

To,

The Dean (Research & Development)

Harcourt Butler Technical University

Kanpur – 208002 (U.P.)

Thr: Proper channel

Subject: Submission of Seed Money Project Proposal Entitled “.....”
.....”

1. I am hereby submitting the Seed Money Project Proposal entitled “.....” for your kind consideration and approval under the Seed Money Scheme of the University issued vide R&D office letter no: .
2. I certify that the attached project proposal is my original research idea and has been prepared by me. The proposal has not been submitted elsewhere for financial assistance. The research work proposed does not duplicate any work already carried out or being undertaken elsewhere to the best of my knowledge.
3. The proposal has been checked for plagiarism and AI-generated content through an Institute-approved plagiarism/AI detection tool (Turnitin), and the similarity index is within the permissible limit (less than 15%). In case any discrepancy or plagiarism is found at any stage, I shall be solely responsible and will abide by the action taken by the University.
4. I hereby certify that the information furnished in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name and signature of Principal Investigator:

Date:

I have checked all the above points, and the research proposal is forwarded and **Recommended / Not Recommended** for funding.

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