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**PROGRAMME FOR BRIDGING THE GAP IN RESEARCH FUNDING FOR  
RESEARCH SCHOLARS IN COLLEGES (RFRS)(2022-2023)**

This scheme is to benefit research students at **only college** level to do research on their new ideas and fill the gap in research funding. The number of Higher Educational and research institutions of our state is growing every year but the research funding is not available to research scholars in many of these institutions. If the gap in research funding is addressed, it will pave way for many innovative ideas to be tested and it would yield not only research data but also improvement and development of Scientific manpower. Particularly, colleges and institutions set up in rural areas are in a disadvantage when compared to universities which are able to attract many project funding through various schemes of central funding agencies. Therefore, research proposals are invited from research scholars doing their research work in the colleges of our state.

This is a unique programme wherein the selected research scholars of our State colleges are provided with not only research funding but also an opportunity to carry out socially relevant studies, so that they make meaningful contribution to our society.

**OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of the programme is to provide opportunities and research funding for Research Scholars of colleges to do meaningful research which is useful and relevant to our State, since there is a need to bridge the research funding gap particularly at college level.

**RESEARCH FUNDING:**

- i) A sum of Rs.10000/- p.m. will be provided as stipend for 2 years for the Selected Research Scholar (Rs.10000 x 24 = Rs.2,40,000/-)
- ii) An additional sum of Rs.60000/- (Rs. 30000 + 30000) will be provided towards purchase of chemicals, glasswares, expendable items, travel, contingencies and other expenses related to their research work.

- iii) Therefore, a total of Rs.3.00 lakhs will be available for the research scholar selected under this scheme, over a period of 2 years.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- i) A masters degree in Science/Technology with consistently good academic record  
ii) Full time Research Scholars in all areas of Science and Technology already registered for their Ph.D in any of the recognised colleges of our state.  
iii) Atleast 2 research publications in reputed National/International journals.

**PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION:**

- i) Interested candidates fulfilling eligibility criteria prescribed can apply in the prescribed format through their college through proper channel  
ii) 3 copies of application along with relevant enclosures may be sent to “**The Member Secretary, Tamilnadu State Council for Science and Technology, DOTE Campus, Chennai -600 025**” on or before **07.08.2023**.

**SELECTION:**

Proposals from research scholars in colleges of our State are invited especially in the areas of science and technology that are relevant to our State. These proposals will be evaluated by expert committee constituted for this programme. Suitable proposals recommended by the expert committee will be considered for funding. After approval of the Council, the grant will be released to the concerned colleges.

**APPLICATION FORMAT (3 COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED)**

1. Name and Institutional Address :  
of the Research Scholar (With Phone,  
Fax, E-mail etc)
2. Permanent /Residential address of the :  
candidate with phone, fax, email etc
3. Sex : Male / Female
4. Date of birth (Certificate may be enclosed) :
5. Nativity(Certificate may be enclosed) :
6. Broad area of Research : Agricultural Sciences/ Biological  
(Choose only one) Sciences/ Chemical Sciences/  
Environmental Sciences/ Engineering &  
Technology/ Mathematical Sciences/  
Medical Sciences/ Physical Sciences/  
Social Sciences/ Veterinary Sciences

7. Educational Qualification :  
(Attested copies of mark sheet and other certificates may be enclosed)

Degree	University	Subject(s)	Grade/Mark	Award/ Distinction

8. Broad area of Research and date of Ph.D :  
Registration (Enclose registration copy)

9. List of Research papers already published :  
(Copies of research paper may be enclosed)

Author	Title	Journal	Page No.	Impact factor

10. Brief write up (abstract) of the proposed :  
research work (not exceeding 2 pages)  
with title

11. Detailed proposal (Defining the research :  
problem/ idea, review of literature, specific  
objectives, methodology of research etc)

12. Social relevance and usefulness of the proposed :  
research

13. Expected outcome of the research work :

14. Details of Research Guide (Name and :  
Institutional address along with Phone, fax,  
email etc, brief bio-data of the Guide)

15. Facilities available at the College for the :  
Research work proposed

16. Any other relevant information :

Place :  
Date :

Signature of the  
Applicant

Signature of the  
Guide

Signature of the  
Head of the  
Department

Signature of the Principal/  
Head of the Institution  
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