

## **Proposal for Utilization of “Seed” money of *Avishkar* Research Convention**

### **Preamble :**

“*Avishkar* Research Convention” is one of the four events organized as inter university state level events for promoting the talents in different fields. *Avishkar* is a State Level Inter-University Research Convention which is aimed at inculcating, promoting and encouraging research attitude among the students at different stages and teachers in the university education system. It is hosted by one University as per the pre-decided schedule and winners of university level *Avishkar* event participate in it. After the organization of *Avishkar*, the organizing University is left with an unspent balance of anywhere between Rs. 35.00 to 40.00 lakhs. It is intended that this amount be utilized for further promoting and encouraging research activities in the University and its affiliated colleges.

### **The Proposal :**

One of the ways by which research activities among the students, who have an attitude and inclination, can be promoted is by providing incentives to pursue the interest. It is proposed to provide financial assistance to winners of State Level *Avishkar* as per the following details :

1. *Avishkar* Graduate Fellowship @ Rs. 3,000/- per month for a period of 10 months to the winners from UG and PG.
2. *Avishkar* Research Fellowship @ Rs. 6,000/- per month for a period of 24 months to the winners of Post PG Category.

### **Table indicating possible distribution of amount among the different categories**

#### **Assumptions :**

There are six categories and each category has four levels of which only UG, PG and PPG shall be considered

Each level has two winners

Total no of winners of the three categories at each level will therefore be 12

<b>Level</b>	<b>No. x Amount x months</b>	<b>Total (Rs)</b>
UG	12 x 3000 x 10	3,60,000/-
PG	12 x 3000 x 10	3,60,000/-
PPG (research)	12 x 6000 x 24	17, 28,000/-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>24,48,000/-</b>

The remaining amount of Rs. 10-15 lakhs can be utilized by the host university for promoting research activities in the university and affiliated colleges, wherever applicable. The activities may include organization of *Avishkar* event/seminars/conferences/purchasing of small equipment etc after prior permission from the office of the Chancellor.

## **Guidelines and Steps :**

### **For *Avishkar Graduate Fellowship* :**

1. The winners of UG/PG category shall be eligible for this fellowship.
2. The winners can avail it for a period of 10 consecutive months within 2 years of his/her selection at the state level.
3. The candidate shall have to pursue the theme of the '*Avishkar*' paper under the guidance of the mentor from the college/University.
4. The application along with a brief (2 pages proposal) duly endorsed by the mentor and Principal/Head of the Department should be forwarded to the Director, BCUD of the concerned University by the end of March every year.
5. The university will forward a consolidated requirement of all its winners of the state level *Avishkar* to the host university by May end.
6. The host university, after receiving the proposals from all the universities whose representative have won prizes in the state level *Avishkar* will allocate the amount and send it to the respective universities for onward distribution as per the guidelines.
7. The fellowship will begin from the month of July of that year and will continue for 10 months.
8. The amount of fellowship will be deposited every month directly into the bank account of the beneficiary after the receipt of attendance and work report endorsed by the mentor to the BCUD office of the concerned university.
9. The candidate with the help of his mentor will submit a brief report after completion of the period to the BCUD office.
10. The fellowship will not be given if the candidate is receiving any other type of financial assistance (**for the research activity**).
11. The candidates who are in the final year of Masters Programme shall have the option of opting for *Avishkar Research Fellowship* after due completion of registration formalities for Ph.D. in the same University. The candidate will have a freedom to select the topic of his/her research interest for Ph.D. In this connection, the entitlements (amount and duration) shall be as per the *Avishkar Research Fellowship*.

**For *Avishkar Research Fellowship* :**

1. The winners of the Post-graduate category (who are in final year) or post PG category and who are registered for Ph.D. in the University shall be entitled for this. The candidate can select the topic of his/her research interest for Ph.D.
2. It shall be given for a period of 24 months or date of submission of thesis whichever is earlier.
3. The fellowship shall not be given to the candidate who are receiving any other type of fellowship or financial assistance from any other source. If the *Avishkar* fellow gets another fellowship in between, he/she shall have to relinquish this fellowship.
4. Desirous candidates shall make application duly forwarded by the mentor to the office of Director, BCUD of the concerned University by end of the month of March along with brief proposal on work to be carried out.
5. The university will forward a consolidated requirement of all its winners of the state level *Avishkar* to the host university by May end.
6. The host university, after receiving the proposals from all the universities whose representative have won prizes in the state level *Avishkar* will allocate the amount and send it to the respective universities for onward distribution as per the guidelines.
6. The fellowship will start from the month of July of every year.
7. The fellowship shall be credited in the bank account of the beneficiary directly after receiving the attendance and progress report, endorsed by the mentor at the end of every month.
8. *Avishkar* Research Fellowship shall be duly acknowledged by the candidate in research publication and/or thesis.
9. The candidate shall submit a brief report at the end of the tenure to the office of the Director, BCUD of the concerned university.

**Responsibility of the University :**

1. Invite the proposals from winners as above by March end.
2. Prepare a consolidated report and forward the proposal along with requirement of amount to the host university by May end
3. Once the amount is received from the host university, arrange to disburse it as per the guidelines above.
4. **Constitute a committee of experts to monitor the progress of work done on funded proposals**
5. Submit a consolidated UC along with a brief report (indicating whether the end points have been achieved or otherwise) to the host university

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