OSMANIA UNIVERSITY
NOTIFICATION

Research Seed Grant Scheme for Faculty Members– 2026

No.82/UGC/OU/Seed Gr/2026 **dated: 01.06.2026**

Online Applications are invited from eligible faculty members of Osmania University for financial assistance under the **Seed Grant Scheme for Research Programme – 2026**. The scheme is introduced to promote quality research, innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and socially relevant academic projects across various disciplines.

The programme aims to encourage exploratory research, pilot studies, field investigations, laboratory and archival research, community-based studies, and the generation of preliminary data for securing larger external research funding from national and international agencies.

Objectives of the Scheme

The Seed Grant Scheme seeks to:

- Promote innovative, interdisciplinary, and socially relevant research.
- Encourage research aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Support pilot studies, fieldwork, surveys, experiments, and evidence-based academic work.
- Strengthen research methodologies, ethical practices, and digital research tools.
- Encourage publications in reputed journals, patents, policy briefs, and research dissemination.
- Enhance institutional research capacity and external funding potential.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from:

- Regular faculty members of Osmania University possessing a Ph.D. degree.
- Faculty members with a minimum of one year of service in the University.
- Applicants having a proven research track record.

Applications may be submitted individually or jointly by a group of faculty members (maximum four members) from the same or different departments of university.

Mandatory Submission of Research Proposal by Faculty Members

- All faculty members shall mandatorily apply for the research project proposal.
- A faculty member may apply as Principal Investigator (PI) for only one research project at a time, either:
  An Individual Research Project or a Collaborative Research Project.
- A faculty member who is serving as PI for an Individual Research Project may also participate as Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) in one Collaborative Research Project simultaneously.
- A faculty member shall not serve as Co-PI in more than one Collaborative Research Project at the same time.
- Under no circumstances shall a faculty member hold:

PI status in more than one project simultaneously or Co-PI status in more than one collaborative project simultaneously.

- Therefore, the maximum permissible participation of a faculty member at any given time shall be:
  One project as PI and One project as Co-PI.

Important Conditions

- The plagiarism similarity index of the proposal shall not exceed 15%.
- Proposals must be submitted in the prescribed format.

Research Disciplines

Proposals are invited from the following disciplines:

1. Arts & Humanities
2. Commerce
3. Education
4. Engineering
5. Informatics
6. Law
7. Management
8. Oriental Languages
9. Pharmacy
10. Sciences
11. Social Sciences
12. Technology
13. Collaborative Multidisciplinary Research

Preference will be given to research proposals aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in areas relating to poverty alleviation, gender equality, sustainable development, peace and justice, decent work, and community development.

Categories of Seed Grant

Category	Grant Amount	Duration
Minor Seed Grant	₹1,00,000	12 Months
Major Seed Grant – I	₹2,00,000	20 Months
Major Seed Grant – II	₹3,00,000	24 Months
Collaborative Multidisciplinary Seed Grant-I	₹4,00,000	30 Months
Collaborative Multidisciplinary Seed Grant-II	₹5,00,000	36 Months

Selection Process

The proposals will be scrutinized by DRC. Shortlisted applicants shall present their proposals before the Review Committee.

Selection will be based on:

- Academic merit and originality
- Methodological soundness
- Feasibility and innovation
- Societal relevance
- Research track record
- Potential for publications, patents, collaborations, and external funding

The Honourable Vice-Chancellor shall serve as Chairperson for the final approval process. Final selection will be based on the review of one external expert and the discretion of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.

Submission Requirements

Applicants shall submit:

- Duly filled application form

- Detailed research proposal in prescribed format
- Curriculum Vitae of PI/Co-PI
- List of publications and patents
- Departmental approval
- Ethical clearance (if applicable)
- Plagiarism report
- Supporting annexures as prescribed

Submission Format

- Paper Size: A4
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt
- Spacing: 1.5 Line Spacing
- File Format: PDF

Submission Address

Office of the Dean of the Respective Faculties

Osmania University
Hyderabad – 500007
Telangana

Important Dates

Activity	Schedule
Release of Notification	01 June 2026
Opening of Online/Offline Applications	02 June 2026
Last Date for Submission of Applications	20 June 2026
Preliminary Review of Proposals	21–24 June 2026
Presentation Before Internal Evaluation Committee	26–28 June 2026
Communication of Selected Proposals	30 June 2026
Commencement of Seed Grant Scheme	01 July 2026

Faculty members are encouraged to actively participate in the Seed Grant Scheme and contribute towards strengthening the research ecosystem of the University through innovative and impactful research initiatives.

REGISTRAR
Osmania University
Hyderabad

OSMANIA UNIVERSITY

RESEARCH SEED GRANT SCHEME FOR FACULTY MEMBERS– 2026

APPLICATION FORM

PART – A: APPLICANT DETAILS

Field	Details
1. Name of Principal Investigator (PI)	
2. Gender	
3. Designation	
4. Department	
5. Faculty/	
6. Employee ID	
7. Date of Joining	
8. Mobile Number	
9. Email ID	
10. Highest Qualification	
11. Specialization	
12. VIDWAN ID / ORCID ID / Scopus ID	
13. Google Scholar Link	

PART – B: CO-INVESTIGATOR DETAILS (IF APPLICABLE)

S. No. Name Designation Department Specialisation

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PART – C: PROJECT DETAILS

1. Project Title

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2. Research Domain

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3. Thematic Priority Area

4. Abstract (300 Words)

5. Background & Conceptual Framework (500 Words)

6. Literature Review (600 Words)

7. Research Gap (300 Words)

8. Research Objectives (200 Words)

9. Research Questions & Hypotheses (200 Words)

10. Research Questions

1.
2.

11. Hypotheses (If Applicable)

12. Research Methodology (500 Words)

The methodology section should clearly explain the following:

- Research Design
- Sampling Technique
- Sample Size
- Data Collection Methods
- Tools/Software Used
- Statistical Techniques
- Fieldwork Details
- Ethical Considerations

13. Innovation & Research Significance (150–200 Words)

14. Expected Outcomes & Deliverables (300 Words)

Expected Outputs:

- Journal Publications
- Conference Papers
- Patents/IPR
- Reports/Policy Briefs
- Datasets/Software/Models
- Training Modules

15. Policy & Societal Relevance (300 Words)

16. Applied for

☐ Minor Seed Grant – ₹1,00,000
☐ Major Seed Grant -I – ₹2,00,000
☐ Major Seed Grant-II – ₹3,00,000
☐ Collaborative Multidisciplinary Seed Grant-I – ₹4,00,000
☐ Collaborative Multidisciplinary Seed Grant-II – ₹5,00,000

17. Work Plan and Time Line (whichever is applicable)

Phase	**Duration**	**Major Activities**
Phase I	Months 1–4	
Phase II	Months 5–10	
Phase III	Months 11–15	
Phase IV	Months 16–20	
Phase V	Months 21–24	
Phase VI	Months 24–27	
Phase VII	Months 27–30	
Phase VIII	Months 30–33	
Phase IX	Months 33–36	

18. Research Outputs

Expected Research Outputs

☐ Research Papers in Scopus/Web of Science Journals
☐ Books / Book Chapters

☐ Policy Briefs / Technical Reports
☐ Patents / Products / Process Development
☐ Conference Presentations
☐ Training Modules / Outreach Materials
☐ External Research Grant Proposal Submission
☐ Others: _____

19. Budget / Proposal Estimation

Budget Head	Amount (Rs)
Equipment / Software / Instruments	_____
Consumables / Laboratory Materials	_____
Fieldwork / Survey / Travel	_____
Documentation / Report Preparation	_____
Workshops / Seminars / Dissemination	_____
Contingency	_____
Miscellaneous/ Special needs	_____
Total	_____

20. Checklist of Documents Enclosed

S. No.	Document	Enclosed (✓)
1	Detailed Research Proposal	
2	Curriculum Vitae of PI	
3	Curriculum Vitae of Co-PI(s)	
4	List of Publications	
5	Departmental Approval	
6	Ethical Clearance Certificate (if applicable)	
7	Plagiarism Report	
8	Any Additional Annexures	

21. Ethical Compliance &Declaration

I hereby declare that:

- The proposed research is original and adheres to academic integrity.
- All cited works are properly acknowledged.
- The proposal does not duplicate any ongoing or funded project.
- Necessary approvals and permissions will be obtained before commencement.
- The proposed research work has not been submitted elsewhere for financial assistance.
- I shall abide by the rules, regulations, and financial guidelines of Osmania University regarding the Seed Grant Scheme.
- I shall submit progress reports, utilization certificates, and the final report within the stipulated time
- I agree to abide by the University research and financial regulations.

Place: _____
Date: _____

Signature of Principal Investigator

Name: _____

22 .RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

Certified that the proposal has been examined and recommended for submission under the Seed Grant Scheme for Research Programme – 2026.
Signature: _____

Name of HoD: _____

Department Seal

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRINCIPAL

Recommended / Not Recommended
Remarks:

Signature of Principal: _____

RECOMMENDATION OF THE DEAN

Recommended / Not Recommended
Remarks:

Signature of Dean: _____

Faculty Seal

23. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
(Office of the Dean, Development & UGC Affairs, Osmania University)

Application Number: _____
Date of Receipt: _____
Category:
☐ Minor
☐ Major – I
☐ Major – II
☐ Collaborative-I
☐ Collaborative-II

Authorized Signature