# THIAGARAJAR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, MADURAI 625 015



## POLICY FOR SEED MONEY TO FACULTY

#### 1. Preamble

Thiagarajar College of Engineering (TCE) provides world-class technical education with strong ethical values, as well as the opportunity for faculty members to enhance their scientific research. It is initiated to promote the research interest among the Faculty members as well as the Departmental research activities. TCE offers faculty members "seed money" to help intiate/develop their research ideas.

#### 2. Objectives

- To assist the Faculty members to test their pilot research initiatives that has the potential to be converted in to better proposal to attract funding from external agencies.
- To test their novel idea and to generate preliminary results before submitting proposals to the external agencies.
- 3. To promote the Inter-Departmental Faculty collaboration in emerging areas.
- To encourage the publications/new product development of the Faculty members.
- 5. To enhace the number of publications/patent/new product development
- Seed money is provided to faculty members to establish their own research facilities for conducting research in emerging fields.

### 3. Eligibility

The eligible criteria will be as follows:

- The applicant should be a teaching fellow (Professor/ Associate Professor/Assistant Professor) who has been appointed against a permanent vacancy.
- The application should be submitted after a period of Two year (minimum) from the date of joining the College.



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- The applicant should be a Ph.D. degree holder/pursuing Ph. D with a minimum of 2 journal publication/conference publication
- The applicant should not have any other on-going project funded by the Seed Money Grant scheme at the time of the proposal submission.

#### Guidelines

- The application for financial assistance in the prescribed format should be submitted to the College Research and development team through the concerned Head of the Department.
- The investigators should submit a detailed proposal within 30 days of notification. The proposal shall be scrutinized and recommended for funding by the Committee as constituted by the Principal.
- Subject to availability of the funds, proposals for financial assistance will be screened and approved by the duly constituted committee, which will subsequently be sanctioned by the Principal.
- 4. Item wise financial estimates should be mentioned clearly in the proposal submitted, showing rates, quantity and total for each item. There shall not be any salary/Honorarium component in the project.
- The Progress Report of the research and its Utilization of Funds should be submitted.
- The Investigators should make a presentation of the outcome of the research before a committee constituted by the Principal for the purpose.
- 7. The decision of the Principal shall be final in all respects.

#### Outcome:

- Two Publication in SCI/Scopus indexed journal/Conference
- Increases the number of PhD scholar through the research facility established
- New product development for patent

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