

**DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**FOR**

**PROMOTION OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE (PURSE) GRANT**

DST–PURSE intends to provide support to universities essentially for research man-power cost, augmentation of equipment and computational facilities, research consumables and maintenance of the facilities. But there will be no support available for the building and civil construction related activities under this scheme.

**The Terms and Conditions:**

- The grant being released under the scheme is for augmentation of research activities at the university and shall be spent exclusively for this purpose. The University shall constitute a **“Project Implementation Group”** for implementation of the program and inform DST accordingly before releasing of funds etc. The **Project Implementation Group** would be responsible and accountable to DST for all aspects of implementation of such project during its 3 years project duration.
- The support for each University will have the following components categorized under Flexible and Fixed components:

***Flexible Components***  
***(80-85% of Total support)***

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- i) Equipment
  - ii) Consumables
  - iii) Infrastructure Facilities
  - iv) Networking & Computational Facility

***Fixed Components***  
***(20-15% of Total support)***

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- i) Manpower Cost (10-15%)
  - ii) Contingencies (1%)
  - iii) Travel (1%)
  - iv) Seminar/ Workshop to organize or to attend abroad (1%)
  - v) Maintenance (2%)

While the various support areas in Flexible Components are totally flexible within 85-80 %, the different support areas in Fixed Components may be allowed to move upwardly only by 1% within the overall 15-20 % of the Fixed Component. A deviation up to 1 % will be allowed under the sub-categories of the fixed components except travel.

- The grants-in-aid under “FIST” is to provide infra-structural facilities for research and teaching in the department. Therefore, ***no provision of Overhead Charges*** is admissible. **Please note that the scheme does not allow any provision for building/ construction and recruitment of staff** in permanent nature etc..

- All the assets acquired from the grant will be the property of the Government of India and should not, without the prior sanction of the Department, be disposed off or encumbered or utilized for purposes other than those for which the grant has been sanctioned.
- All efforts should be made to procure the equipment and other items at the earliest to avoid cost escalation due to foreign exchange fluctuation and should abide all procedures laid out by the grantee institution. Carry Forward of unutilized grants to subsequent financial years (within the 3 years period) is allowed. However, the University will ensure that not more than 10% of the second year grants (not including the carry forward grant of the first year) will be carried forward into final year of the grant. Grants in second and third year will be released only on the receipt of UCs based on audited accounts. In case of high accumulation of unspent grants, the Department of Science & Technology shall have the right to withdraw the project from the University.
- The Institute will furnish to Department of Science & Technology, Utilization Certificate and an audited Statement of Accounts (in DST format) pertaining to the grant (along with Progress Report) within one month following the end of each financial year.
- After receiving the grant by the Department/ Centre, Department of Science & Technology will review the technical & financial progress including utilization of the grant on an annual basis with an appropriate mechanism. The Department reserves the right to terminate the support at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilized or appropriate progress is not being made.
- A register of the permanent/semi-permanent assets acquired wholly or mainly out of this grant should be maintained in the prescribed form and a copy thereof furnished to this Department. Such register of assets and the accounts maintained shall be available or open to scrutiny by Audit.
- Any unspent amount sanctioned would be surrendered to the Government as a Demand Draft in favour of Drawing & Disbursing Officer, Department of Science & Technology, New Delhi. Any carry forward of funds to the next financial year may be considered only with the specific approval of the Department.
- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, at his discretion, shall have the right to access to the book accounts for this support. **The Department shall open an interest earning Bank account for operation of funds being transferred by DST. The interest thus earned should be reflected appropriately in the Financial Statement of each year submitted to the Department of Science & Technology and will be adjusted against further transfer of installment of the grant.**
- In order to give visibility to the identified department, the department may be called as **“DST-PURSE Sponsored Department”**. This may be suitably displayed.

Signed by

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Head of the University / Institute