

CALL FOR INNOVATION PROJECTS 2015-16

After the successful progress of two rounds of Innovation Projects, and enthusiastic response from faculty and students, the University of Delhi invites fresh proposals mainly focusing on urban, scientific, technological or social innovation for funding of Innovation Projects 2015-16 for joint teams of teachers and students of the constituent colleges of the University of Delhi. These proposals are to be designed in such a fashion so as to enhance the learning experience of the students participating in the project. These projects must be designed to encourage and inculcate innovative thinking. The project proposals must necessarily:

1. Have a clear objective that relates to the curriculum and where some innovation is sought to be demonstrated in a joint activity between project team members who must be from the same college. The desired goal must have some reasonably clear real world application or orientation.
2. Have a strong trans-disciplinary flavor and should enhance the curriculum but not be directly linked to any part of a prescribed syllabus for teaching.
3.
 - (a) Be designed so that there are three faculty members on the team who are (between themselves) from at least two distinct departments.
 - (b) Have 10 undergraduate students who shall work directly on the project and who are selected at the outset prior to the submission of the project to the University. The students shall be eligible for the award of a stipend of Rs. 1,000/- per month.
4. Have a Mentor of acknowledged academic standing and expertise in the project area that is from outside the system of various colleges and can give time to guiding the project. The advisor shall be eligible for an honorarium of Rs. 25,000/- for the whole project in addition to the travel reimbursement as per University regulations for use of car/taxi for visits up to a maximum of Rs. 2,000/- per month. The Mentor's work must be documented.
5. Be of a twelve-month duration with a total outlay maximum of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rs. 10 lakh) and clear budgetary provisions for the heads – Equipment, consumables, travel, stipends for students, honorarium for Mentor, stationery and contingency.
6. Have a justification for each budget head as part of the project proposal. Proposals that do not give the rationale for each budget head may not be considered. In case of equipment and consumables, the applicants are reasonably advised to take an estimate from the market so that they have an estimate of the possible expenditure.
7. The proposals with a promise to be an entrepreneurial venture and with the possibility of an industrial outcome may be submitted as a business plan and may involve a mentor from the industry from the inception of the project.

8. A University appointed team of experts who will recommend the award of grants would assess all project proposals.
9. The grants for the projects shall be released in two phases, the second of which shall commence subject to satisfactory mid-term review by the University.
10. Guidelines issued for colleges and Project Investigators of Innovation Projects 2013-14 will be followed.

The proposals, not more than-4 typed pages, in soft and hard copy, must be submitted with a forwarding letter from the Principal of the college stating that the college shall submit a final utilization certificate to the Registrar, University of Delhi at the completion of the first and second (final) phases stating that the funds have been duly utilized for the purposes that they were sanctioned for and have been duly audited. The forwarding note from the Principal shall also state that the college shall ensure that the project is housed in the college. All equipment purchased during the running of the project shall remain at the college for its use.

The proposals should be emailed to: innovationsdu@gmail.com

Last date of submission: June 15, 2015

Kindly circulate this among the teachers of your college.