



Government of India
Department of Scientific and Industrial Research
TECHNOPRENEUR PROMOTION PROGRAMME (TePP)

Phase-I: TePP Project Fund (TPF)
Guidelines

Eligibility

- Unattached independent innovators like micro and small entrepreneurs working on new designs.
- Start-up firms / incubated firms with turnover less than Rs. 45.00 lakhs.
- Independent innovators scouted, documented, mentored by various agencies like NIF,RIN,RIF, ISB, SPJIMR,CIIE, CII, FICCI, Stanford Bio Design.
- Finalists of competitions like Techfest, GE Edison Challenge, Tata NEN, Proto.in, Indian Angel Network, TiE, Eureka, India Innovation Pioneers Challenge, Lockheed Martin India Innovation growth program, Innovation for India awards, Piramal Prize , Economic Times, National Geographic.
- Medical doctors coming out with low cost tools.

Scope & Support

- Proposals to convert an original idea/invention/know-how into working prototype/process.
- Proposals to demonstrate novel delivery models to take S&T innovations to rural India.
- Maximum support under this category is Rs 15,00,000/- subject to 90% of approved project cost.

Mechanism

- The proposals can be submitted online (<http://oscar.iitb.ac.in/TEPP>) or submitted off line to the nearest TUC (TePP Outreach centre). The innovators can meet coordinators of TUCs and take their advise before submitting the application. Addresses of TUCs is given on www.dsir.gov.in.
- The proposals will be screened locally at TUC and proposals with complete details will be referred to experts for evaluation. To facilitate expert evaluation, innovator is required to complete part of Technology Angel evaluation form and submit it along with application. Proposals received at DSIR end will also be forwarded to concerned TUC for counselling/ local screening.
- Evaluated proposals received from TUCs are assigned to officers at DSIR for further evaluation as required.
- The evaluated proposals are put forth to TSC for consideration. The TSC recommends the proposal for TePP support, which are processed for approval by TePP officials.
- The applicant has to sign "Terms & Conditions" prior to the actual release of grants-in-aid.
- For grant above Rs 5 lakhs, project will be divided into phases with clear deliverables at the end of each phase. The project will be continued into the next phase only if the performance in the preceding phase was satisfactory.
- The first release is based on assessment of need by TePP official and subsequent releases are based on assessment by project monitoring committee/ authorized TUC.
- Project completion/ closure will be reported to TSC for feedback and record.

Limiting conditions

- The proposals involving software development, only patenting and for basic scientific research having no immediate commercial implications will not be accepted for consideration under TePP. Software Embedded projects and patenting along with prototype development are eligible for support. Innovative S&T delivery models will also be eligible.
- Faculty/ scientist start-ups will be eligible if they have the rights to Intellectual property. Where IP is taken on license from institute, their proposals can be considered in Phase-II S3T category [if they prove the concept in TePP Phase-I](#).
- Students will have to provide a `No Objection Certificate' from the head of their institutions, on the institutions' letter-head along with their application and the commitment from the institutions that the project will be taken to its logical conclusion by the student/concerned faculty.
- Student innovators making to the final of any competition are eligible but to ensure that their studies are not adversely affected, they are encouraged to take the project as full time activity after graduation.
- Proposals scouted, documented and mentored by other (other than TUCs) agencies need to be submitted with evaluation by the assisting agency. [However, such proposals need to be routed through nearest TUC](#).
- Proposals to scientifically test the efficacy and toxicity of herbal formulations developed by innovator will be eligible for support. Process standardization will also be eligible for support after proving efficacy and non-toxicity.
- The proposals from the owner of a 'Start-up' company/industry may be considered for TePP support, if the annual turnover of the company/industry doesn't exceed Rs. 45.00 lakhs per annum.
- Individuals working in organizations & having innovative ideas may apply for TePP support by furnishing a 'No Objection Certificate' from their employer.
- Manpower (like technical assistant) costs are based on actual & not exceeding 20% of the total project cost. Innovator's salary and rental expenses for use of own facilities are not eligible for support.
- Travel costs are based on actual & not exceeding 5% of the total project cost.