

Ref. No: KAHER/23-24/D- **26092306**

25th September 2023

C I R C U L A R

Sub: Consideration of financial grant for major research projects exceeding Rs.5.00 lakhs per project involving multi-disciplinary / inter-disciplinary research projects.

The KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research (KAHER), Deemed-to-be-University, Belagavi has been encouraging and motivating the Faculty Members, Departments and the Institutions to conduct research activities by introducing various schemes from time to time.

The KAHER with a view to support financial grant to the researchers / faculty members / departments / institutions, has introduced a new research grant scheme viz. **KAHER Major Research Project Grant (KMRPG) Scheme** under which financial grant **exceeding Rs.5.00 lakhs** will be considered involving major research projects with multi-disciplinary / inter-disciplinary research. The Information Brochure containing the complete details like Preamble, Guidelines and Application Format is enclosed vide **Annexure-I**. The same shall be applicable w.e.f. **3rd October 2023**.

The contents of this Circular be brought to the notice of all the Heads of the Departments and Faculty Members of your Institution with a request to take benefit of the same for major research projects by submitting application along-with supportive documents through proper channel to the **Director-Research (RDC), KAHER, Belagavi**.



Prof. Dr. M.S.Ganachari
Registrar

To

The Principals,
All Constituent Units,
KAHER, Belagavi.

The KAHER Officials.

CC to:

1. The PA to Hon. Chancellor, KAHER, Belagavi.
2. The Special Officer to Hon. Vice-Chancellor, KAHER, Belagavi.
3. The Secretary, Board of Management, KLE Society, Belagavi.

KAHER MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECT GRANT FOR FACULTY MEMBER(S)

(More than Rs.5.00 LAKHS per Project)

Preamble:

The successful execution of the research project depends not only on the effort of the researcher but also entails expenses on man and material, making funding essential to meet these requirements. Research grant funding is a requisite for conduct of scientific project especially when a researcher is envisaging a multicentric or a multidisciplinary study. Applying to external funding agencies is encouraged but many a times, due to the competitiveness involved, not all researchers may be able to get external funds.

There is an existing policy for provision of seed money to all faculty members which is upto Rs. 1.00 Lakh and has been extended upto Rs. 5.00 Lakhs for exceptional projects. However, for major projects that are multi-disciplinary / Inter-disciplinary that are budgeted more than 5.00 Lakhs, KLE Academy of Higher Education and Research (KAHER) will support the researchers with a new scheme called as KAHER Major Research Project Grant for Faculty Member(S)

Guidelines:

- a) The applications for this grant can be submitted throughout the year to the Director-Research, KAHER through the Head of the Department and the Principal of the constituent college of the Principal Investigator. The grant proposal applications will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.
- b) Preference will be given to research projects fulfilling the following criteria:
 - a. Objectives of the research projects are aligned with the following priority research areas of the University:
 - i. Nutrition and Metabolic Disorders
 - ii. Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health
 - iii. Infectious Diseases - Microbiome in Health and Disease
 - iv. Cancer Biology - Epidemiology, Screening, Molecular genetics, prevention and treatment
 - v. Drug Discovery and Development
 - vi. Integrative Medicine
 - vii. AI Algorithms, Bioinformatics
 - viii. Others
 - b. The research team is multi-disciplinary or inter-disciplinary
 - c. The investigators have attempted to secure funding from state / national / international funding agencies. Additional weightage will be given to proposals that have been approved during the initial review of funding agencies, but, did not eventually get funded.

- d. Collaborative research projects with international academic partner institutions / investigators aimed at generating preliminary data and publications with the intent of applying for major grants from international funding agencies.
- c) The Principal Investigator must submit a detailed research proposal including: aims/objectives, scientific rationale for the proposed study, description of intervention and outcomes, study design, sample size estimate, implementation strategy, data analysis plan, public health implications of the study, plans for dissemination, and detailed budget with justification. The total duration of the project should not exceed five years.
- d) The scrutiny of these grant proposals for appropriateness with regards to scientific, ethical and financial matters will be done by a committee Chaired by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of KAHER. Membership of the committee will include: Registrar, Director-Research, Deputy Directors - Research, Deans of the concerned constituent colleges, Director of Dr Prabhakar Kore Basic Science Research Centre and Eminent Scientist Padmashri Dr. Madan Godbole. The committee will invite 2-3 external subject experts based on the objective and scope of the proposed research project.
- e) The investigator should submit a detailed budget with justification. Funds will be disbursed on an annual basis. The Investigator may request for a no cost extension and access to any unspent money from the previous year in case of delays.
- f) The investigators are encouraged to include a budget for dissemination activities like conference presentations, publications or patent applications.
- g) The timeline for completion of research project should be strictly adhered to and there should not be undue delay in completion of the research project.
- h) Annual technical and financial reports regarding progress of the project should be submitted to the monitoring committee of the constituent college.
- i) Relevant documents in the form of bills, receipts, invoices, etc. are to be submitted in support of the expenditure incurred for the research project.
- j) After completion of the research project, Utilization Certificate has to be submitted.
- k) Deliverables: The funded research project should result in one or more of the following:
 - a. Publication in scopus-indexed journals with high impact factor
 - b. Generation of Patents
 - c. Grant application for further extramural funding
- l) Any publication or patent generated through KAHER funded project should acknowledge KAHER by mentioning sanction letter number.
- m) Institutional Ethical committee clearance must be obtained for all the approved research projects and registered with Clinical Trial Registry of India prospectively

APPLICATION FOR KAHER MAJOR RESEARCH GRANT FOR FACULTY MEMBER(S)

(More than Rs.5.00 LAKHS per project)

(To be submitted to the Director-Research, KAHER through the concerned HOD & Principal)

A.	To be filled by the Applicant:	
1.	Name of the Applicant	
2.	Designation	
3.	Name of the Institution	
4.	Contact details of the applicant	
	a) Mobile No.	
	b) E-mail	
5.	Name of the Co-Investigators, their roles and Departments Involved	
6.	Collaborative Research Project – Provide details of partner institutions	
7.	Research Project is Multi-disciplinary / Inter-disciplinary – Provide details	
8.	Particulars of the research project:	
a)	Title of the research project	
b)	Objective of the Project	
c)	Summary of the proposed research project (up to 150 words) indicating overall aims of the research and importance of the research proposal. Application of the work in the context of priority areas of the university/national priorities of health science research, if any, may also be mentioned [Enclosed separate sheet].	
d)	Detailed research plan. (give here the design of study, including: aims/objectives, scientific rationale for the proposed study, description of intervention and outcomes, study design, sample size estimate, implementation strategy, data analysis plan, public health implications of the study, plans for dissemination. [Enclosed separate sheet])	

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9.	Duration of Research Project (expected) (should not exceed 5 years)	
	a) Commencement	
	b) Completion	
10.	Whether the project was previously submitted for external funding agencies-provide the details	
11.	Tangible outcome	
12.	Budget of the Research Project with detailed budget justification (Attach Separate sheet)	

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that the information furnished by me as above is true to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Date: _____

Signature of the Applicant

13. Recommendations of the Head of the Department:

The request of the above faculty is enclosed herewith for grant of financial assistance for further consideration by the KAHHER.

Date: _____

Signature of the HoD

14. Recommendations of the Head of the Institution:

Signature of the Principal

Ref. No.KAHER/23-24/D-

Date : _____

To

The Registrar,
KAHER,
Belagavi.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Recommendation for release of financial grant.

With reference to the above subject, please find enclosed the application submitted by the above faculty members for further consideration.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Director-Research

Encl: As above.