









Report: Session on Unlocking Funding Opportunities: A Guide to

Project Grants"

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Participants: B.Ed. Students

Conducted By: IQAC in collaboration with R&D and IIC

Introduction: The session aimed to equip participants with comprehensive insights into securing grants and funding opportunities for innovative research projects.

The event focused on developing research skills and enhancing the capacity of participants, particularly faculty members and researchers, to successfully secure grants for R&D activities, seminars, conferences, and workshops.

Objective:

- 1. To provide essential knowledge about types of grants and funding sources.
- 2. To introduce participants to international and national funding agencies.
- 3. To explain the key requirements and processes for securing research grants.
- 4. To provide guidance on drafting effective and successful grant proposals.
- 5. To educate participants on R&D proposal writing, budget bifurcation, and approval processes.

Key Highlights

1. Types of Grants and Funding Opportunities

The session began with an overview of various types of grants, including:

- Research and Development (R&D) Grants
- Innovation and Incubation Grants
- National and International Grants for Higher Education
- Travel and Workshop Funding Opportunities



2. Introduction to Funding Agencies

The resource persons introduced prominent funding agencies:

- International Funding Agencies: UNESCO, WHO, UNICEF, USAID, European Research Council, and World Bank.
- National Funding Agencies: UGC, ICSSR, DST, DBT, CSIR, and Ministry of Education.

A special emphasis was placed on identifying the right funding agency based on the nature and scope of the research project.

3. Requirements for Seeking Research Grants

Participants were briefed about the essential requirements for grant applications, including:

- Project objectives, expected outcomes, and methodologies
- Research team structure and roles
- Compliance with ethical guidelines
- Timeline and deliverables

4. Drafting Effective Grant Proposals

The session highlighted key components of a successful grant proposal, such as:

- Title and Abstract: Clear, concise, and engaging project titles with summaries.
- Background and Rationale: Establishing the significance of the project.
- Objectives and Methodology: Framing SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) goals.
- **Budget Proposal:** Detailed bifurcation of funds (equipment, travel, manpower, contingency).

5. Tips for Writing R&D, Seminar, and Conference Proposals

The resource experts provided the following tips:

- Use clear, jargon-free language to communicate the project.
- Align the proposal with the funding agency's priorities.
- Justify the necessity of funding with strong evidence and expected impact.
- Highlight institutional strengths and past accomplishments in research.



6. Budget Planning and Approval Process

A detailed session was conducted on:

- Preparing a balanced budget proposal with proper allocation of resources.
- Ensuring cost-effectiveness and financial justification.
- Navigating through the approval processes for funding agencies and institutional support.

Outcome of the Session

- Participants gained valuable insights into the process of securing research grants.
- Faculty members and researchers developed confidence in drafting and submitting grant proposals.
- Increased awareness about national and international funding opportunities.
- Clear understanding of budget bifurcation and approval processes.

Conclusion

The session on "Unlocking Funding Opportunities: A Guide to Project Grants" was highly enriching and well-received by all participants. The collaborative initiative by IQAC and Research, Innovation, Incubation & IPR Cells provided a structured approach to securing funding for innovative projects.

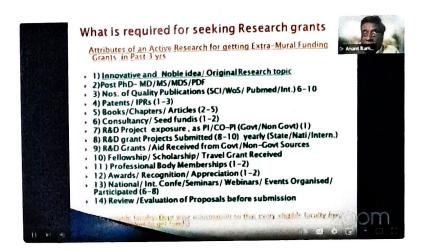
This initiative will contribute significantly to building a robust research culture and fostering innovation within the institution.











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