



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

VISION GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Dept. of Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science and Technology

KARNATAKA FUND FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE (K-FIST) IN UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER K-FIST PROGRAMME : 2012-13

Vision Group on Science and Technology (VGST) was constituted by the Government of Karnataka (in October 2009) under the Chairmanship of distinguished scientist Professor C.N.R. Rao, F.R.S.

K-FIST is one of the ambitious programmes of Karnataka Vision Group on Science and Technology, initiated in the year 2010-11 on the lines of FIST programme of DST, Govt. of India. The details of the programme are as follows:

OBJECTIVES

K-FIST programme aims at developing and strengthening science and technology infrastructure and laboratory facilities in science departments offering postgraduate science courses for imparting good quality teaching and for pursuing research activities.

ELIGIBILITY

The Science Departments/Colleges/Universities/ Higher Educational Institutions offering Postgraduate Science programmes, and having recognition with respective Universities of Karnataka are eligible to apply for grant under the programme. Priority will be given to those institutions which are actively engaged in Research in Basic Sciences, Engineering Sciences. However, proposals from Medical Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Sciences will also be considered. Preference will be given to Colleges/ Universities/ Higher Educational Institutions which have not received grants from UGC, DST, DBT, AICTE, ICMR, etc.

K-FIST GRANT STRUCTURE

Grant will be at two levels Viz.,

Level I: K-FIST grant to a maximum of Rs. 10.00 Lakh:

In this category grant is provided up to a maximum of Rs. 10 lakh per annum for a continuous period of Two years.

- The release of second and final installment of K-FIST grant to institutions is subject to the evaluation of progress achieved in the first year.

Level II: K-FIST grant to a maximum of Rs. 20.00 Lakh:

The grant under this category will be provided up to Rs. 20 lakh per annum for a continuous period of two years.

- Duration:** The duration of the K-FIST grant will be for a period of two years.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND SELECTION

Applications in the prescribed formats (A, B and C) are invited from eligible Departments of Universities, Colleges and other higher educational institutions offering postgraduate programmes as indicated in the eligibility criteria. **The application forms (Part-A, B & C) can be downloaded from www.vgst.in**

Any application submitted to VGST without a soft copy (CD) will not be entertained. One hard copy of the application with complete necessary information and proper labeling should reach the following address **on or before 28/05/2012**. The selection will be through a peer review by a subcommittee of VGST.

Executive Secretary, Vision Group on Science and Technology, Dept. of Science and Technology, GoK, 5th Floor, 5th Stage, M.S.Buildings, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-1.

The envelope containing the application should be superscribed as **"Proposal for K-FIST Programme"** in the Subject Area: Basic Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Medical Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Veterinary Sciences in Level- I/Level-II. Incomplete applications and applications received after the due date will not be considered. The names of the successful institutions will be displayed in the VGST website after the completion of the selection process.

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