Proposals are invited for consideration of support to ‘Women's PG Colleges’ under the Scheme ‘Consolidation of University Research for Innovation and Excellence in Women Universities (CURIE)’ of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. The Scheme is intended to provide basic infrastructure and enabling facilities of Science & Engineering Departments for promoting R&D activities in new and emerging areas and attracting fresh talents in Women Educational Institutions.

**Nature of support:** Proposals from Women’s PG Colleges shall be considered for a maximum support up to Rs 150 lakhs for Teaching as well as Research facilities to the S&T Departments for 3 years. The Scheme will provide optimal infrastructure facilities for post-graduate teaching and research, such as, renovation of existing laboratory space (no fresh constructions), modernization of laboratories involved in teaching and research, acquisition of essential equipment, up-gradation of existing facilities, networking and computational facilities including software and databases, scientific books (no journals), maintenance and refurbishing of existing and new facilities, etc. The facilities provided under the Programme are intended to support the efforts of the Colleges as a whole. Proposal towards individual R&D support would not be accepted under this Scheme.

**Duration:** The duration of support for each project will be for a period of 3 years.

**Eligibility:** The support to ‘College as a whole’ shall be considered for the post-graduate S&T departments. All Women Colleges having Science Departments with strong postgraduate teaching and research programmes which have existed for at least 3 years or more are eligible. The College should be accredited by NAAC with at least B Grade.

**Selection:** The selection will be through a peer review mechanism, presentation and visit to the College, (if necessary). An Expert Committee will assist the DST in making final selection. The College may be required to submit additional information if required.

**How to apply:** Applications are invited from eligible Women’s Post Graduate Colleges in the prescribed format which can be downloaded from www.dst.gov.in and onlinedst.gov.in and should be submitted at e-PMS (onlinedst.gov.in) on or before 10 January 2022.

Incomplete proposal or proposal not in the prescribed format and proposal received after the due date would summarily be rejected and no correspondence with Department would be made in this respect. The name of the successful Colleges shall be displayed in the website after completion of the process.

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