Details for Internally Funded Research Projects

Kathmandu University
Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) Office

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Subject: **Call for Proposals – Internally Funded Research Projects**

The RDI Office of Kathmandu University invites faculty and researchers to submit proposals for **internally funded research projects** for the fiscal year 2025. This funding aims to promote research activities that contribute to academic excellence and organizational development while addressing institutional and societal priorities.

Funding Details
Category I

- **Grant Amount:** NPR 150,000
- Eligibility: Faculty members who have not received external funding for research in their departments.
- Number of Projects: 7

Category II

- **Grant Amount:** NPR 200,000 (from RDI) + NPR 200,000 (matching fund from respective schools)
- Eligibility: Faculty members conducting research with support from their schools.
- Number of Projects: 7

Important Guidelines

To ensure effective and impactful use of the limited funds, the following rules apply:

1. **Personnel Costs:**
   - Personnel costs for Research Assistants (RAs) must not exceed **10% of the total project budget**.
2. **Seminars, Workshops, and Conferences:**
   - Costs related to attending or organizing seminars, workshops, or conferences will not be covered.
3. **Focus Areas:**
   - Budget utilization should prioritize research activities such as:
     - Purchase of essential materials, equipment, or consumables.

- Data collection and analysis.
- Prototype development or experimental work.

Submission Requirements

Applicants must submit the following:

1. **Research Proposal**: Clearly outline objectives, methodology, expected outcomes, and alignment with university priorities.
2. **Detailed Budget Plan**: Include a breakdown of expenses, ensuring compliance with the funding guidelines.
3. **Timeline**: The project duration should not exceed December 31, 2025.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be assessed on:

- Alignment with Kathmandu University's strategic research priorities.
- Potential academic, social, and organizational impact.
- Feasibility, innovation, and effective resource utilization. In addition to that the project should be focused on:
  - *Seed Funding Project* (A project supported by initial, small-scale funding aimed at laying the groundwork for larger projects.)
  - *Proof of Concept (PoC)* (A small-scale experiment or implementation to demonstrate that an idea, theory, or method is feasible and has potential.)
  - *Preparatory Research (*Work conducted to establish the foundation for a larger study, such as initial data collection, framework development, or stakeholder analysis.)

Deadline for Submission

January 31, 2025

How to Apply

Please email your proposal's soft copy (pdf) to RDI: rdi_office@ku.edu.np by January 31, 2025. The application form and template for preparing the proposal can be downloaded from the RDI website.

We encourage all eligible faculty members to participate and contribute to strengthening Kathmandu University's research ecosystem.

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