DHANALAKSHMI SRINIVASAN
INSTITUTE OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY
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CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (CRI)

SEED-MONEY APPLICATION FORM

Seed Money, Research, Innovation & Incubation Support Scheme - 2026

(For faculty, research scholars, students, interdisciplinary and incubated teams)

A. FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application No.		**Date Received**	
Category		**Department / School**	
Screening Status		**Committee Ref. No.**	

B. APPLICANT & PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

1. Project Title: _____

2. Principal Investigator (PI): _____

3. Designation: _____

4. Department / School / Research Centre: _____

5. Official Email: _____

6. Mobile No.: _____

7. Co-Investigator(s) / Team Members: _____

8. Research Domain / Priority Area: _____

9. Applicant Type (tick one): ☐ Full-time Faculty ☐ Eligible Research Supervisor ☐ PI associated with DSIRT ☐ Faculty–Student Team ☐ Interdisciplinary Faculty Team ☐ Recognized Research Centre ☐ Eligible Student Team with Faculty Mentor ☐ Incubated Team

C. FUNDING CATEGORY & PROJECT STAGE

Select the most appropriate category. Final category may be determined during institutional review.

Category	Purpose / Typical Use	Indicative Support	Select
I — Research Seed Grant	Preliminary research, pilot studies, experimental work, data generation, method development	₹1–2 Lakh	☐
II — Innovation & Prototype	Product development, proof-of-concept, prototype, AI/ML, IoT, medical devices, software	₹2–5 Lakh	☐
III — Interdisciplinary	Projects involving two or more departments, schools or disciplines	₹3–7 Lakh	☐
IV — Student Innovation	Student research, hackathon/design outcomes, social innovation, startup-oriented projects	₹50,000	☐
V — High-Impact / Translational	Patent, technology transfer, industry collaboration, startup/commercialisation potential	₹5–10 Lakh	☐
VI — Incubation & Startup	MVP, market validation, startup formation, pilot deployment, certification, investment readiness	₹1–10 Lakh	☐
Strategic Institute Project	Institutional priority project	As approved	☐

10. Requested Funding Amount (₹): _____

11. Proposed Project Duration (months; normally 6–24): _____

12. Current TRL (1–9): _____

13. Target TRL at completion: _____

D. PROJECT ABSTRACT & PROBLEM STATEMENT

14. Executive Summary / Abstract: _____

15. Problem Statement & Significance: _____

16. Background / Literature Review:_____

17. Research Gap: _____

18. Novelty & Innovation: _____

19. Research Question / Hypothesis: _____

E. OBJECTIVES, METHODOLOGY & WORK PLAN

20. Specific Objectives: _____

21. Methodology / Experimental or Development Plan: _____

22. Work Packages / Activities: _____

23. Project Timeline & Key Deliverables:_____

24. Risk Analysis & Mitigation: _____

F. EXPECTED OUTPUTS & TRANSLATION PATHWAY

25. Expected Research Outputs (publications, datasets, reports, etc.): _____

26. Prototype / Proof-of-Concept / MVP Expected: _____

27. Intellectual Property Potential (patent / copyright / design / other): _____

28. Industry Relevance / Potential Collaborators: _____

29. Societal Impact / SDG Alignment: _____

30. External Funding Strategy / Target Agencies:_____

31. Commercialisation / Startup / Technology Transfer Pathway: _____

G. TEAM COMPETENCE

32. PI Expertise Relevant to Project: _____

33. Team Expertise & Roles: _____

34. Previous Related Projects / Outputs / IP: _____

H. BUDGET & JUSTIFICATION

Use separate rows for each proposed expenditure. Eligible items may include equipment, consumables, prototype development, research activities, software, outsourced testing, IPR, dissemination and approved field/farm research.

S.No	Budget Head	Description / Justification	Qty.	Amount (₹)	Eligible?
1	Equipment				☐ Yes ☐ No
2	Consumables				☐ Yes ☐ No
3	Prototype / Fabrication / Testing				☐ Yes ☐ No
4	Research / Field Activities				☐ Yes ☐ No
5	Software / Computational Tools				☐ Yes ☐ No
6	Outsourced Testing				☐ Yes ☐ No
7	IPR / Patent / Design				☐ Yes ☐ No
8	Dissemination / Approved Travel				☐ Yes ☐ No
9	Other (specify)				☐ Yes ☐ No
TOTAL				**₹ _____**	

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Budget justification: Explain the need and linkage of each major cost to the objectives, milestones and expected outputs.

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I. AGRICULTURE / FIELD PROJECT DETAILS (COMPLETE ONLY IF APPLICABLE)

35. Crop / Livestock / Food System / Agricultural Domain: _____

36. Crop Calendar / Production Cycle: _____

37. Village / Farmer Group / FPO / KVK / Field Partner: _____

38. On-Farm Trial Plan & Duration: _____

39. Field Evidence / Baseline Data Available: _____

40. Farmer Consent / Data Collection Arrangements: _____

41. Applicable Biosafety / Ethics / Regulatory Clearances: _____

42. Drone / DGCA Compliance, if applicable: _____

J. ETHICS, SAFETY, IPR & COMPLIANCE

Please tick as applicable: ☐ No special clearance required ☐ Human research ☐ Animal research ☐ Biosafety ☐ Genetic material ☐ Food product ☐ Veterinary intervention ☐ Drone operation ☐ Data protection / sensitive data ☐ Other: _____

43. Ethics / Regulatory Approval Details (if applicable):

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44. Conflict of Interest Declaration / Details:

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45. Existing IP / Third-party Rights / Prior Art Disclosure:

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K. MILESTONES & FUND RELEASE PLAN

The policy provides milestone-based monitoring through M1–M6 and staged release at 50% / 30% / 20%, subject to institutional approval and achievement of requirements.

Milestone	Indicative Stage	Planned Evidence / Deliverable	Target Month	Fund Release
M1	Project initiation	Approved procurement / initiation report		50%
M2	Preliminary data	Preliminary data and supporting evidence		
M3	Proof of concept	PoC / technical results		30% linked to technical milestone
M4	Prototype / MVP	Prototype, MVP or field validation evidence		
M5	IPR / Publication / External proposal	Patent/publication/external proposal evidence		
M6	Final outcome	Final technical & financial reports; closure evidence		20% final installment

L. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☐ Completed common application form

☐ Project proposal / technical description

☐ Detailed budget and justification

☐ PI and team profiles / competence details

☐ Timeline and milestones

☐ Risk analysis and mitigation plan

☐ IP / novelty information

☐ Ethics / biosafety / regulatory documents, where applicable

☐ External / industry / field partner details, where applicable

☐ Student mentor details, where applicable

☐ Agriculture field-partner consent / evidence, where applicable

☐ Any other document prescribed by the Institute

M. APPLICANT DECLARATION

I/We certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We agree to comply with DSIRT research, financial, procurement, ethics, IPR and reporting requirements. I/We understand that funding is subject to institutional evaluation and approval, milestone-based monitoring, staged fund release, and submission of required technical and financial reports. I/We will disclose conflicts of interest and acknowledge that misuse of funds, misrepresentation, plagiarism, fabrication, falsification or non-compliance may result in withdrawal or recovery of funding as per Institute rules.

PI Name & Signature		**Date**	
Co-Investigator / Mentor Signature		**Date**	
Head of Department / School Recommendation		**Date**	
Dean / CRI / Competent Authority (Office Use)		**Date**	

N. DEPARTMENT / SCHOOL SCREENING — FOR OFFICE USE

Eligibility verified: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proposal completeness: ☐ Complete ☐ Clarification required

Technical / research relevance: ☐ Recommended ☐ Not recommended

Budget scrutiny completed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Conflict-of-interest check: ☐ Clear ☐ Action required

Forwarded to Technical & Research Committee: ☐ Yes ☐ No

O. COMMITTEE / COMPETENT AUTHORITY — FOR OFFICE USE

Evaluation Criterion	Marks	Score Awarded	Remarks
Scientific / Technical Merit	15		
Novelty & Innovation	15		
Problem Significance	10		
Methodology	10		
Feasibility	10		
PI / Team Competence	10		
Expected Research Outputs	10		
IP / Prototype Potential	5		
External Funding Potential	5		
Industry / Societal Impact	5		
Budget Justification	5		
TOTAL	**100**		

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Review route: Submission → Department / School screening → Technical & Research Committee review → External expert review, where applicable → Research & Innovation Committee recommendation → Competent Authority approval → Fund release.