



G. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU COLLEGE (Autonomous), KOVILPATTI.

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CIRCULAR

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL (R&D CELL)

CALL FOR MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSALS UNDER SEED MONEY

RESEARCH GRANT (SMRG) 2026–2027

The Management of G.V.N. College (Autonomous), Kovilpatti, is pleased to announce the **Seed Money Research Grant (SMRG) Scheme 2026–2027** to promote research culture, innovation, and academic excellence among faculty members and students. The scheme aims to encourage quality research leading to publications, patents, product development, societal impact, and external research funding.

The **Research and Development Cell (R&D Cell)** invites proposals for **Minor Research Projects (MRPs)** under the Seed Money Research Grant Scheme for the academic year 2026–2027.

1. Objectives of the Scheme

The Seed Money Research Grant Scheme is intended to:

- Promote research and innovation among faculty members and students.
- Encourage interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research.
- Generate preliminary research data for securing external funding from national and international agencies.
- Enhance research publications, patents, consultancy and societal outreach activities.
- Strengthen the institution's research ecosystem and academic excellence.

2. Financial Assistance

Arts and Humanities Domain

Category	Grant Amount
Faculty Members	Rs. 10,000/-
Final Year UG & PG Students	Rs. 5,000/-

Science Domain

Category	Grant Amount
Faculty Members	Rs. 25,000/-
Final Year UG & PG Students	Rs. 5,000/-

3. Project Duration

The duration of the project shall be **10 months** from the date of sanction for all categories of faculty/students.

4. Eligibility Criteria

A. Faculty Members

1. The Faculty members should possess SLET/NET/Ph.D. qualification or be pursuing a Ph.D.
2. Permanent faculty members of the College are eligible to apply.
3. The Faculty members should not be availing any other funded research project from agencies such as DST, DBT, SERB, ICSSR, TNSCST, MoEFCC, MoES, UGC, CSIR, or similar funding agencies during the project period.
4. Faculty members who received a Seed Money Research Grant during the academic year 2025–2026 shall submit the final project report before applying for a new project.
5. A faculty member shall submit only one proposal during the scheme period.

B. UG and PG Students

1. Only final-year UG and PG (I & II) students are eligible to apply.

2. The students should have secured a minimum of 75% attendance (last two years for UG students and last one year for PG students).
3. The students should not have any arrears at the time of application.
4. The project shall be undertaken under the guidance of a faculty mentor.

5. Preference Criteria

Preference will be given to:

- Interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research proposals.
- Projects addressing local, regional, national or global challenges.
- Research contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Innovative projects with potential for publication, patent, prototype development or societal impact.
- First-time faculty/students.

6. Submission of Proposal

Faculty/students shall submit:

Hard Copy

One hard copy of the research proposal along with:

- Cover Page
- Abstract
- Introduction and Review of Literature
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Expected Outcomes
- Budget Estimate
- Timeline of Activities
- References
- Plagiarism Report (Turnitin software)

Soft Copy

A soft copy (PDF format) of the proposal shall be sent to:

Email: gvmrpsmrg202627@gvnc.edu.in

Hard Copy of Proposals shall be submission to

Dr. R. LAKSHMANAN

Convener, Research and Development Cell (R&D Cell)

Assistant Professor, Department of Botany

G.V.N. College (Autonomous), Kovilpatti.

7. Evaluation and Selection Procedure

1. All submitted proposals will undergo preliminary scrutiny by the R&D Cell.
2. Eligible proposals will be evaluated by an Expert Committee constituted separately for Arts and Science disciplines.
3. The proposals will be assessed based on:
 - Originality and novelty
 - Research significance
 - Methodological soundness
 - Feasibility within the proposed duration
 - Budget justification
 - Expected academic and societal outcomes
4. The recommendations of the Expert Committee shall be final.
5. Selected projects will be notified through the College Website and official communication.

8. Release of Grant

1. The sanctioned grant will be released in two part payment:
 - First Installment – 60% of the sanctioned amount upon approval.
 - Second Installment – 40% upon satisfactory submission of the progress report.

2. The release of subsequent payments will be based on the recommendations of the under review committee.

9. Utilization of Grant

The sanctioned amount may be utilized for:

- Consumables and laboratory materials
- Field work and data collection
- Survey expenses
- Sample analysis and testing
- Software and database access
- Printing, documentation, and report preparation
- Minor project-related contingencies

The grant shall not be utilized for:

- Purchase of major equipment
- Personal remuneration or honorarium
- Travel unrelated to the project
- Any expenditure not approved under institutional norms

10. Monitoring and Progress Review

1. The Principal Investigator shall submit a progress report after Five months from the commencement of the project.
2. The R&D Cell may organize review meetings to assess project progress.
3. Unsatisfactory progress may result in withholding of the second installment.

11. Expected Outcomes

The investigators are expected to achieve one or more of the following outcomes:

- Research publications in peer-reviewed journals.

- Presentations in conferences, seminars or workshops.
- Development of prototypes, databases, software or educational resources.
- Filing of patents, copyrights or other intellectual property rights (IPR).
- Submission of proposals to external funding agencies.

12. Submission of Final Report

1. The sanctioned grant shall be fully utilized in accordance with the approved budget and institutional financial norms.
2. A detailed statement of expenditure along with supporting bills, vouchers, and utilization details shall be submitted to the college office on or before **31 March 2027**.
3. The Final Project Report shall be submitted on or before **30 April 2027**.
4. The Final Project Report should contain:

- Executive Summary
- Introduction and Objectives
- Methodology
- Results and Discussion
- Conclusions
- Outcomes (Publications/Presentations/Patents, if any)
- Statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificate

Failure to submit the accounts by 31 March 2027 and the Final Project Report by 30 April 2027 may result in recovery of the grant and disqualification from future institutional funding schemes.

13. Ethical Compliance

1. The faculty/students shall adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity and research ethics.
2. Research involving human participants, animals, environmental samples or sensitive data shall obtain necessary approvals before commencement.
3. Plagiarism in any form will lead to rejection or cancellation of the project.

14. Acknowledgement

All the publications, presentations, reports, dissertations, thesis, patents or other outputs arising from the project shall acknowledge:

"This work was endorsed by the Seed Money Research Grant (SMRG) Scheme 2026–2027, G.V.N. College (Autonomous), Kovilpatti."

15. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

Any intellectual property generated through the project shall be governed by the Intellectual Property Rights Policy of G.V.N. College (Autonomous), Kovilpatti.

16. Important Dates

Particulars	Date
Release of Call for Proposals	18/06/2026
Last Date for Submission	25/06/2026
Evaluation of Proposals	30/06/2026

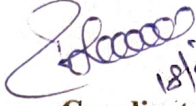
17. General Conditions

1. Incomplete applications and proposals received after the due date will not be considered.
2. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final and binding.
3. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason.
4. Any deviation from approved objectives or mis-use of funds may result in cancellation of the project and recovery of the grant.
5. The selected investigators shall comply with all rules and regulations of the institution.

Faculty members and students are encouraged to utilize this opportunity to undertake innovative and impactful research contributing to academic excellence and societal development.

Date: 18/06/2026

Place: Kovilpatti.


18/06/26

Coordinator

Research and Development Cell (R&D Cell)


18/6/26
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