

Resolution no. 12/2025 of 97th meeting of the Executive Council of MAFSU, Nagpur held on 21/02/2025

REVISED GUIDELINES FOR MAFSU RESEARCH GRANT FOR PROMOTION OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT CONSTITUENT COLLEGES

The University has decided to extend financial support to the faculty members working on regular establishment of the University for undertaking research on their original concepts/research projects/ R & D proposals. The details of the research grant proposed to be provided and guidelines for designing the project proposals thereof are as follows.

1. This special grant provided by the University from its own resources for promotion of research and shall be called as "MAFSU RESEARCH GRANT".
2. A total of 12 research grants will be awarded every year and their distribution will be as follows

Sr. No.	Faculty	Broad area	No. of research grants
1	Veterinary Science	Basic Sciences	02
		Production group	02
		Para-clinical group	02
		Clinical group	02
2	Dairy Technology		02
3	Fishery Science		02

3. Faculty member working on the regular establishment of the University in the capacity of Assistant Professor or equivalent and above shall be eligible to apply for the grant.
4. The proposal should be strictly as per the research mandate of college/university encompassing the local issues.
5. Age limit of the applicant should be not more than 45 years to encourage the young faculty staff to fetch extramural research projects.
6. The duration of project to be undertaken under this scheme shall be one year (starting from April of present year to the March of next year).
7. The total value of the grant shall be Rs. 2.0 Lakh for the year 2024-25 and Rs. 2.5 lakh from the year 2025-26.
8. No financial support will be provided for civil works or purchase of major equipments under this scheme. However, minor equipments costing about Rs. 10,000 that are essential to meet the objectives of the work can be considered.
9. No financial support will be provided for hiring the technical manpower in the scheme however, the grant provided under contingency may be utilized by PI in meeting their of requirement of unskilled manpower.

10. The proposals received from the constituent colleges will be screened by the university level committee consisting of following.
 - i. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor - Chairman
 - ii. Director of Research, MAFSU - Member
 - iii. Two experts from the relevant field nominated by Vice Chancellor - Members
 - iv. Deputy Director of Research - Secretary
11. The committee may if it so desires invite the applicants for presentation of their projects.
12. Ideally the project should be led by a single investigator i.e. the PI. In exceptional cases where multidisciplinary projects are involved additional investigator (s) may be considered.
13. The maintenance of records of accounts, procedures to be followed for purchases will be as per the existing University rules.
14. The investigator of the project will have powers similar to those prescribed for the projects funded by externally funded agencies (Compendium, 2007)
15. Monitoring of the project will be done by the PME cells of respective constituent college and quarterly progress report will be submitted to the Directorate of Research.
16. The submission of utilization certificate/ audit utilization certificate has to be done similarly to that of other externally funded projects
17. The University level committee shall periodically review the progress of the project.

In case the progress of the project is not satisfactory the University shall have right to terminate the project and recover the grant from Principal Investigator.

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS UNDER MAFSU RESEARCH GRANT

1.	Title of the project	
2.	Strategic Priority area of the institute	
3.	Name and Designation of the PI	
4.	Name of the Department & College	
5.	Date of joining in the university	
6.	No. of research papers published by PI	
7.	Work done (if any) on the proposed project by PI	
8.	Year & Duration of the proposed project (No. of months)	
9.	Introduction & give your Hypothesis to set the objectives	
10.	Objectives of the project (Not more than three). Give the major activities under each Objective (not more than four under each objective).	
11.	How the achievements of these objectives will benefit/ improve/ promote institute/ department/ scientist etc? (Not more than 1 page)	Annexure I
12.	Brief status of research related to the objectives of the proposed project. (Not more than a page).	Annexure II (Quote only landmark references)
13.	Give in brief the research gaps identified on investigation of the research plan for achieving the objectives (only in bullet points).	•
14.	Methodology/ Strategy	
15.	Expected Outcome and Impact	Annexure III
16.	Budget Breakup	

Sr. No.	Components	Rs. in lakh
A	Minor Equipments	
1		
2		
3		
	Total (A)	
B	Recurring contingency	
1		
2		

3		
	Total (B)	
	Grand Total (A + B)	

Certified that the information provided above is correct and all the terms and conditions of "MAFSU Research Grants" for funding the proposed project are acceptable. The proposal has been discussed and approved by the PME cell of the college.

Signature of the PI with date

Signature and seal of the Associate Dean with date