

## **Research Proposal Resource Recommendations (Financial Assistance)**

### **Manpower:**

- JRF/SRF hiring and salary as per the institute norms.

### **Computing Resources:**

- Utilize existing lab resources to minimize costs.

### **Software:**

- Funding for essential software with a detailed plan outlining:
  - Specific software needed.
  - Expected functionalities and benefits.
- Explore and prioritize open-source or free alternatives for software whenever possible.
- If a commercially licensed audio/video editor is absolutely necessary and no suitable open-source option exists, provide justification and budget details.

### **Hardware Equipment:**

- Funding needed for the essential art-related or other hardware equipment with a detailed plan outlining:
  - How each item directly contributes to your research objectives.
  - Expected functionalities and benefits
- If the required equipment is available with other departments/Labs, it is encouraged to use available institutional resources and optimize cost.

### **Subscriptions:**

- Funding for a software subscription (including ChatGPT) only if no equivalent open-source alternative exists. Clearly explain why the chosen software is irreplaceable.
- Subscriptions for tools like Zoom and other licensed software are not allowed. Utilize Google Meet for video conferencing needs.

### **Datasets:**

- Seek library assistance to identify datasets available for purchase through the library or accessible through open-source repositories.
- If a specific paid dataset is crucial and unavailable through the library or open-source, request funding with written library approval confirming the unavailability of alternatives.

### **Online Dataset Subscriptions:**

- Follow the same approach as purchasing datasets. Pursue library resources and open-source options first.
- Request funding for online dataset subscriptions only with written library approval confirming the limitations of other options.

### **Travel for Data Collection:**

- Develop a detailed travel plan outlining:
  - Specific locations for data collection.

- Justification for why on-site data collection is necessary.
- Documentation of access permission to these locations (if applicable).
- Limit travel expenses to a reasonable percentage (mention the specific %) of the total project budget.
- Travel grants are strictly limited to data collection or resource acquisition only.

#### **Books:**

- Prioritize purchasing books online if available at a lower cost.
- Commit to donating all purchased books to the TSLAS library upon project completion.

#### **Additional Resources:**

- Subject hiring, website domain and space purchase, and JRF/SRF salaries are covered.

#### **Note:**

- Focus on the **essential** resources required to achieve your research goals.
- Prioritize cost-effective solutions by exploring **open source** and **library** resources.
- Provide **detailed justifications** accompanied by **supporting evidence** when requesting specific software, datasets, or travel expenses.
- No financial support will be provided for open-source/conference publications