

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GANDHINAGAR

RESEARCH INITIATION GRANT

(As approved by the Board of Governors in its 16th meeting held on 21 April 2015)

The Institute expects the faculty to win grants for funding their research. Office of Dean Research and Development facilitates the faculty in seeking research funds. However, considering that the external funding agencies may take some time to take their decision, the Institute provides research initiation grant. This grant is mainly to augment research facilities of the Institute. With the grant the faculty may create basic facilities. The results thereof should help faculty win larger funding from external agencies. Seeking external grants is a continuous process throughout the career of the faculty members. Thus, the Institute expects the research initiation grant to nucleate advanced research that would eventually grow into a center of excellence.

The norms of the Research Initiation Grant as approved by the Board are outlined below.

1. The Institute will provide a fully functional office when a new faculty member joins. This includes desktop computer, printer, data card, and a landline phone.
2. A research grant of Rs. 2.5 lakh will be provided to all new career faculty members on joining. This grant may be used to meet miscellaneous initial expenses to get started on research, such as domestic travel, field work, laptop, iPad, additional desktop, etc.
3. The faculty member will be expected to develop and submit at least one research proposal for external funding within 60 days of joining the Institute. Faculty member may request extension for project submission with reasons within 60 days if he/she is unable to submit the external project in time.
4. If a faculty member does not intend seeking external grant, he/ she is expected to write a note to Professor-in-charge R&D giving reasons. For instance, some colleagues working in theoretical areas may not require any funds for their research.
5. Internal research funds will be provided to assist the faculty members initiate their research activity quickly. However, this internal funding will be considered only after the submission of external project proposal.