

Support to Students for Participating in Competition Abroad

Guidelines

1. Introduction – (a) For enhancing the quality of engineering education in the country and to inculcate the research, innovation and competition culture amongst the students.

(b) It is proposed to introduce the scheme to provide support for engineering students. The scheme aims for providing financial assistance to students in the field of technical education to compete/present research papers at international scientific event.

2. Objectives – The objective of the scheme is to provide travel assistance registration fees to a team of minimum 2 to 10 Bachelor students for attending competition on scientific event at international level in order to encourage engineering students to improve their field of technical education.

3. Eligibility – (i) Team of Students (2 to 10) in the field of technical education must be enrolled and undergoing a technical course notified by the council in a AICTE approved technical institutions.

(ii) Students of B.E./B.Tech. and / or Integrated M. Tech, 1st and 2nd year students of M.E./M.Tech. who have an invitation for competition which has been accepted in the international scientific event board.

(iii) The team of students will be eligible only once during the course of their study for financial support under the scheme.

(iv) Nature and Extent of financial support eligible under the scheme (Maximum Rupees one lakh per student).

(a) Air Fare. Actual fare not exceeding AC II Class train fare will be admissible for travel from the Technical Institutions approved by the Council to the nearest airport and back.

(b) Registration and Visa Charges

(c) Total Expenditure restricted to Rs. 1 Lakh per Candidate.

(v) Procedure to Apply for Assistance

(a) The application should be sent “offline” to AICTE New Delhi. The necessary enclosures such as, acceptance letter from the organizers of Competition and the full details of the competition proposed to be presented shall be submitted at least two months prior to the commencement of the event. All assistance will be provided by AICTE to popularize the scheme.

(b) The submission of a proposal does not automatically mean that it has the approval of the AICTE. If the paper is co-authored, then a no-objection certificate(s) from the author(s) may be attached with the application. In case of two or more applications for the same competition only one application will be considered and priority will be given to the first author.

(vi) Submission of the Claim

In order to ensure prompt action in releasing the grant, the applicant shall submit the following documents within one month after the international scientific competition event is over.

(a) A statement of account giving details of expenditure incurred on various items viz., travel, airport tax, registration fee and visa fee.

(b) A technical report and a utilization certificate in the prescribed format from the technical institution approved by the Council/university auditor/chartered accountant for the total expenditure incurred on the visit.

- (c) The details of assistance received or facilities provided by the organizer of the competition of any other similar Indian/foreign agency.
- (d) The amount made available by the Technical Institution approved by the Council/University/State Government and other sources.
- (e) The amount payable for each item by the AICTE as per the terms and conditions.
- (f) Certificate of participation in the competition.
- (g) Conversion rate of the US dollar into Indian currency. (From any bank or other financial Institution)

(vii) Travel Claim

Students selected for participation should travel by economy class tickets in sectors by the cheapest air ticket by any airlines (in any case not exceeding Air India fare). Actual fare not exceeding AC II Class train fare will be admissible for travel from the Technical Institutions approved by the Council to the nearest airport and back.

(viii) Procedure for Approval of the Proposal

The proposal(s) received duly completed in all respects will be evaluated by subject experts. Based on their recommendation, a final decision will be taken by the AICTE.

(ix) Procedure for release of grant

The entire amount due to the candidate will be disbursed in one instalment after the competition is over and relevant documents are submitted by the applicant.