

E-YUVA Scheme: E-YUVA Centers

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Objectives (E-YUVA Scheme: E-YUVA Centers)

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- oriented (societal or industry) entrepreneurial innovation among young students and researchers. The scheme provides funding support (through fellowship and research grant), technical and business mentoring, exposure to bio incubation model, orientation to an entrepreneurial culture, etc. to students at various levels including undergraduates, post
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- supported pre
- incubation space which offers infrastructure and equipment for basic research and experimentation by selected students. BIRAC
- supported EYCs encompass the following: Pre
- incubation space (3,000 sq. E

- Yuva Knowledge Partner: For the mentoring of Innovation Fellows and for providing overall guidance to EYCs, BIRAC will assign engagement with BioNEST
- supported Bio
- incubators.

Benefits (E-YUVA Scheme: E-YUVA Centers)

- Financial Support to each EYC: A. Non recurring Head (Creating pre
- incubation space): ■ Year 1 (INR in Lakhs) Year 2 (INR in Lakhs) Year 3 (INR in Lakhs) Total (INR in Lakhs) Refurbishing Cost 10 0 0 10 Equipment Cost 30 0 0 30 Sub Total (A) 40 0 0 40 B. Recurring Head: ■ Year 1 (INR in Lakhs) Year 2 (INR in Lakhs) Year 3 (INR in Lakhs) Total (INR in Lakhs) 4 Workshops @1 lakh each 4 4 4 12 Manpower for EYC (@5% increase/year) Coordinator – 1 @■75,000/
- , Project assistant – 1 @■25,000/
- and Office assistant – 1 @■15,000/
- 13.80 14.49 15.21 43.50 Travel for EYC staff 1 1 1 3 Outreach, publications etc. 1 1 1 3 Honorarium for conducting review meetings 1 1 1 3 Contingency 1 1 1 3 Sub Total (B) 21.80 22.49 23.21 67.50 Total Support (A+B) 61.80 22.49 23.21 107.50

Eligibility (E-YUVA Scheme: E-YUVA Centers)

- University/Institution established as a legal entity under the relevant Law of India having at least 51% Indian stakeholders (owners/partners/trustees/members/associates etc.) from Tier II/III cities is eligible to apply. The University/Institution could be Public (Central/State)/Private owned. Other mandatory conditions are as follows: Applicant University/Institution should have a Department in the Life Sciences stream (Biotechnology/ Biosciences/ Agriculture /Horticulture/ Food technology etc.) for technical support. Age of the applicant University/Institution should be at least 3 years or more. Presence of an Innovation supporting formal body, such as E
- Cell/ Institutional Innovation Councils/ IP Cells/ TTOs / Incubation centres, etc. is a must. Offer dedicated space of approx. 3,000 sq. ft. & relevant infrastructure ready for use. The applicant organization should have: Connect with a Bio
- incubator. Network of experts who can provide technical/business mentorship to fellows. Note: The Head of the University/ Institution shall appoint/nominate the Project Lead as a contact point for BIRAC EYC until a dedicated staff is appointed for the same.

Application Process (E-YUVA Scheme: E-YUVA Centers)

- Application Process: Step 01: Applications for EYCs need to be routed through the Head of the University/Institution.
- Step 02: The applicant University/Institution allows only online submission of proposals.
- Step 03: For proposal submission, the applicant University/Institution can register & apply on the BIRAC website “ www.birac.nic.in ”.
- Criteria for selection of BIRAC’s E-Yuva Centers: The BIRAC EYC Committee will be responsible for the selection of the new centers taking following criteria into consideration: Allocation of dedicated space & relevant infrastructure ready for use.
- Past experience of conducting innovation-promoting/entrepreneurial programs desirable Number of Startups formed by the students (in biotech or any other area) Number of Patents filed from the University/ Institution No.
- of Industry projects handled or Industry connects Funds received or raised for supporting Innovations Accessibility to experts/mentors Willingness & commitment from the Head of the University/Institution to support the program Availability of IP, regulatory, and business support to the EYC fellows.
- The Institute should be willing to support EYC fellows to facilitate networking through individuals/groups.
- Connects with bio incubators and other organizations actively promoting Entrepreneurship Note: BIRAC encourages applications from Tier II/III cities for EYCs.
- Selection Process: The EYC Committee will be responsible for the evaluation and selection process.
- After the eligibility check, the proposals received will be evaluated by the EYC Expert Committee on various parameters mentioned in the previous section.

- The shortlisted proposals will be called for presentation at BIRAC.
- On the basis of the presentation, the Committee will recommend the proposals for a site visit or direct consideration.
- After the site visit (if recommended) the recommendations of the site visit committee would be presented to the EYC committee chair for final decision on funding.
- Once recommended for support, GLA signing will be done with the applicant after financial due diligence.

Documents Required (E-YUVA Scheme: E-YUVA Centers)

- 1. Registration/Recognition certificate of the University/Institution 2. Other relevant document

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