



SMU SIKKIM
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SMU Research Mobility Fund Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

Objectives of SMU Research Mobility Fund

One of the prime objective of the Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) is to encourage research, creation and dissemination of knowledge. In today's world, a quality research is possible with cooperation and sharing of ideas and knowledge. Hence, SMU firmly believes that its faculty members must expand their research horizons collaborating with other universities within and outside the country.

In this context, SMU has created Research Mobility Fund of Rs. 10.0 lakhs annually. It is aimed at increasing research mobility among faculty members to strengthen research collaborations with other universities in terms of joint research projects, joint research publications, patents etc.

Eligibility

Faculty members with PG Medical/doctorate degree on regular or contractual roll of SMU who are interested in establishing or extending high-profile collaborative scientific relations with other universities (excluding Manipal Group Universities within India) are eligible to apply.

This fund is specifically to support travel expenses (Economy class) only and is open to all disciplines. However, preferences are given to applicants who have proven track record of quality research.

Expenses for attending conference or symposium, as well as costs for consultancy work will not be support by the fund.




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Scope and Duration of the Fund

Type of Visit	Details	Apply for up to
International visit from SMU to its constituent units	Individual visits or multiple visits to the same organisation in a year	Maximum of 1.5 lakhs or at actuals
Visit within the country from SMU or its constituent units	Individual visits or multiple visits to the same organisation in a year	Maximum of 0.5 lakhs or at actuals

A faculty member can avail this grant once in a financial year.

Application Procedure and Assessment

Application is accepted throughout the year. However, the grant of fund in a particular financial year is dependent on its availability.

Filled application (as enclosed and available in the website) supported with a short curriculum vitae of the applicant to be submitted to the Office of the Head of the Institute Research Unit.

Institute Research Committee (IRC) shall assess the applications on: -

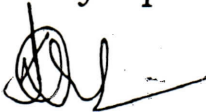
- (a) Purpose and clarity of outcomes from proposed collaboration;
- (b) Research goals behind the specific collaboration;
- (c) Benefits of resulting research and/or knowledge exchange to collaborating parties;
- (d) Travel plan is economically budgeted, and
- (e) Long-term mechanisms for supporting collaboration beyond SMU Research Mobility Fund.

With recommendation of IRC, the grant is finally approved by the Vice Chancellor.

Report Submission Post Travel

The faculty members shall submit the report to the Institute Research Unit within one month from the travel end date. The report should elaborate on the outcomes of the visit, namely specific output activities and further follow up plans.




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