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NOTE

Sub: Releasing Call for Shri Gopal Rajgarhia International Programme (SGRIP) for Autumn 2024

SGRIP endowment fund created from the donation made by the Late Shri Gopal Rajgarhia aims to support various schemes to enhance international participation at IIT Kharagpur. Through these schemes, IIT Kharagpur wishes to make a special effort to facilitate and support international programmes which are expected to have significant contribution towards transformation and elevation of its world ranking.

The 2024 Autumn call for applications is proposed to be released on 10th August for all 05 schemes with a deadline for application on 31st August 2024. Decisions will be made by mid-September 2024 and visits are to be completed by March 2025.

Some minor modifications have been incorporated in the detailed guidelines to avoid possible ambiguities. These modifications are highlighted in yellow. The guidelines is enclosed.

Placed for approval please

Rebabrat Mukherjee
26.07.2024
Dean IR

Director

*We need to discuss with his family
before making any use.*

JAC
31.07.2024

Shri Gopal Rajgarhia International Programme (SGRIP)

Application Guideline and Selection Process (Based on resolutions taken in the committee Meeting Dtd. 25.04.2023)

SGRIP endowment fund created from the donation made by Shri Gopal Rajgarhia (68/BTech/CH/NH) aims to support various schemes to enhance international participation at IIT Kharagpur. Through these schemes IIT Kharagpur wishes to make a special effort to facilitate and support international programmes which are expected to have significant contribution towards transformation and elevation of its world ranking. Five schemes are supported under this program:

- 1) SGR International faculty/expert outreach program
- 2) SGR International research scholar support program
- 3) SGR International student scholarship for non-degree program (Decision as per MoM dtd: April 02, 2019)
- 4) SGR International student scholarship for degree program (Decision as per MoM dtd: April 02, 2019)
- 5) SGR student international travel support

Selection Procedure: SGRIP committee meetings are held from time to time to shortlist the proposals under each scheme. Request for proposals should be sent within the stipulated deadline. The committee may seek advice from external members if required. Number of awards during each call will depend on the fund position and applications received. Proposals for the scheme must be raised by the heads of the academic units. Each department may submit **up to two proposals per semester for Schemes 1 & 2**. Typical application format, end of program activities, support provided by SGRIP, responsibilities of the department, honorarium detail and caps on various components of the budget are enlisted in Tables 1-7. The detailed eligibility and selection criteria for the various schemes are presented below.

Table 1: Call for Proposals:

Typically, there will be two calls for proposals annually for all the five schemes mentioned above. The tentative schedule for the proposals and their commensurate deadlines have been given in the table below:

| Call* | Application Deadline | Decision | Visit to be completed by |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Spring | End-March | End-April | December |
| Autumn | Mid-August | Mid-September | March |

* **Spring Call** is Advertisement in Spring for Visit in Spring/ Summer/Autumn

Autumn Call is Advertisement in Autumn for Visit in Autumn/Spring

1. SGR International faculty/expert outreach program:

The International visiting faculty must be of high professional standing as evidenced from his/her biography. He/she may be 1) A member of the faculty in a reputed academic institute or university and the university must have QS ranking in the top 500 or the department in the top 200.

2) A researcher in a research organization,
or 3) An expert from industry willing to teach and do collaborative research at IIT Kharagpur.

Duration of stay: 1-2 working weeks

Typical qualifications: 1) Indications of academic or research leadership including awards and recognitions, 2) Academic indices in terms of publications, citations, H-index, etc. must be at par or higher with the average such parameters of the department.

Typical activities: 1) Teaching in a regular institute course as adjunct or visiting faculty, 2) Offering a short course (CEP approved/Microcredit course for 10 to 14 hours) specially planned based on his/her teaching/research/industrial experience, 3) delivering lecture series, 4) collaborative research and joint guidance.

Note: Support from SGRIP will be restricted to the limits mentioned in Tables 2, 5-7. However, International Faculty members may continue to stay longer with augmented funding from other sources (including self-funding)

2. SGR International Research Scholar Support Program

Eligibility: Post-Doctoral Fellows from international academic institutes, researchers from international research laboratories or personnel from industry. A mid-level faculty member (up to the level of Associate Professor in a reputed academic institute or university can also be considered. The academic institution must have QS ranking in the top 500 or the department in the top 200.

Duration of stay: 1- 2 working weeks

Typical Activities: 1) joint research and student supervision, 2) delivering lecture series, 3) conducting workshops outside regular curriculum of the institute.

Note: Support from SGRIP will be restricted to the limits mentioned in Tables 2, 5-7. However, International Research Scholars may continue to stay longer with augmented funding from other sources.

3. SGR International Student Scholarship for Non-Degree Program

Eligibility: International doctoral students, international summer interns working on collaborative projects with international partner organizations. It is restricted to short-term non-degree international students.

Matching Financial Support: Matching grants in terms of travel support for these students are expected from the partner organization.

4. SGR International Student Scholarship for Degree Program

Eligibility: A student accepted in a degree program at IIT Kharagpur. The student has to maintain a minimum CGPA of 7.5 for continuation of this scholarship. 2 eligible students will be approved for a duration of 01 academic year. Application from Scheme IV will be sought during the Spring Semester (decision based on their Autumn semester results)

The scholarship will be offered for the duration of the program, renewable on a yearly basis and subject to fulfilment of eligibility criteria and availability of funds.

Duration of stay: Entire duration of the degree program.

5. SGR Student International Travel Support

Under this scheme student will be supported in two categories:

A) A student visiting an SGRIP faculty. Visit as part of a collaborative effort that arose from a previous visit by a faculty/expert under SGRIP. Letter of support is required from the SGRIP faculty/expert.

B) A student visiting as part of Dual Doctoral Degree Program (DDDP).

This scheme has a cap of INR 50,000 allocated for international air travel.

Table 2: Typical Content of the application and end of program activities

| Typical content of the application | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name of the scheme• Name(s) of the visitor/team/student• Host faculty and department• Duration of visit with expected start and end dates• Justification of the visit• Declaration from the guest faculty that he/she is not claiming the fund from any other source.• Declaration from the host faculty that he/she is not claiming the fund from any other source.• Letter from the visitor showing his/her willingness to stay during the specified period | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matching grant in case of scheme 3• Any other special financial assistance required with justification (subjected to approval of the SGRIP committee)• Endorsement by the head of the academic Unit• Justification for using SGRIP as the funding source and their reason for applying to SGRIP• Detailed plan of activities• Budget (Refer Table 5-7 for typical components) |

Note: Please submit application in hard copy to Office of International Relations and email soft copy of the same to ir-office@adm.iitkgp.ac.in.

Eligibility of program activities:

- Submission of bills as per institute format to OIR along with the original approval letter
- A covering letter by the host faculty addressed to Dean (OR) requesting reimbursement. The appropriate claim form is also required to be submitted.
- Checklist of all supporting documents required for the reimbursement process
- Submission of the Form no. 10F; Tax Residency Certificate Bank details of the guest (Account Holder's Name, A/c No., SWIFT Code and Routing Code and void cheque) for reimbursement purposes.
- If the visitor has an NRE (Non- Residence External) bank account in India, and wishes the reimbursement to be credited in that account, the mode of payment will be through draft. No such regulations exist in case of an NRO (Non- Residence Ordinary) Bank account in India. Tax will be deducted as per existing GoI regulations.
- All bills incurred must be duly signed/certified by the host faculty on the flip side of bill.
- Bills must be routed through the OIR
- A report detailing the outcome of the activities related to the program in hard and soft copies for release of the honorarium. Template for the report is available from the Office of International Relations.
- Photographs for documentation, for inclusion in the SGRIP Annual Report.
- Passport size photograph of the guest
- Submission of One Page Report

Note:

- Reimbursement will be deposited in the account, where the visitor is the primary/sole account holder. Reimbursement will not be honoured for any other account.
- Requests for reimbursements in an Indian bank account will have to be supported with PAN card and ADHAAR card numbers.
- Local transportation charges in the visitor's home country WILL NOT be reimbursed under International Travel.

Table 3: Responsibilities of Host Dept/Centre/School

| Responsibility of the Host Department | | | | | | |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assigning a host faculty for the guest during his/her stay. 2. Detailed planning for the activities for the guest. 3. Requesting invitation letter from the Office of International Relations. 4. Booking the guesthouse and other facilities required. 5. Arrangements/booking of cars for local commute. 6. Making necessary sitting and other arrangements in the department 7. Ensuring that a large community from within and outside IIT Kharagpur is benefitted from the programs offered. 8. Submitting the report comparing the planned and actual activities of the guest and justifying the benefits obtained from the visit. 9. Pictures for documentation in soft copy format along with a passport size picture of the visitor. 10. Fill up and submit Form 10-F available at: 11. Request the visiting faculty member to obtain a Tax Residency Certificate from their home country to avoid TDS. 12. All Bank details with SWIFT/IFSC code/router number etc. along with a void cheque for reimbursement purposes. 13. Assign a "Professional Code" to the visiting faculty. <p>Additional information and ALL FORMS are available at: https://international.iitkgp.ac.in/scholarships/sgrip/</p> <p>Please Note: If the visitor has an NRE (Non- Residence External) bank account in India, and wishes the reimbursement to be credited in that account, the mode of payment will be through draft. No such regulations exist in case of an NRO (Non- Residence Ordinary) Bank account in India. <u>Tax will be deducted as per existing GoI regulations.</u></p> | | | | | | |

Table 4: Types of support provided under SGRIP

| Scheme | Honorarium (caps in Table 5) | International travel (caps in Table 6) | Local travel (caps in Table 7) | Local hospitality (caps in Table 7) | Contingency (see note 6) | Total budget cap |
|---------------|--|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | INR 3 lakh (typical) |
| 2 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | INR 2.5 lakh (typical) |
| 3 | Subject to committee's approval | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | INR 1 lakh (strictly) |
| 4 | Scholarship will include tuition fees, hostel charges and basic mess fees* | | | | | |
| 5 | No | Yes | No | No | No | INR 0.5 lakh (strictly) |

Notes:

1. Visa processing fee will be supported as part of travel or contingency expenses.
2. International economy air fare will be provided as per institute norms.
3. Local travel is limited to CCU – KGP road trip and in-campus travel.
4. Local hospitality is limited to stay and food in IIT KGP campus.
5. Caps on each type of support are provided in Tables 5, 6, and 7 below.

6. * If the Hall Mess is closed/not operational and students are having to avail private mess, their mess charges may be reimbursed to the student's bank account upon written application to and approval by the committee members.
7. Contingency may not include salary or compensation to any staff or service provider. May include visa fees. Total contingency expense not to exceed Rs 10000 per visit per person.
8. Reimbursement will be made as per actuals subject to individual caps.
9. ** Vide MoM dated 22.09.2021

Table 5: Honorarium Details and Caps

| Scheme | Honorarium (INR) (per working day^a) |
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| | NOTE: Minimum duration of visit at IITKGP must be 07 working days |
| 1: SGR International Faculty/Expert | 100 USD (for 14 days visit) and a flat-rate for extended visits as decided by the committee on a case-by-case basis. For a visit between 7-14 working days... |
| 2: SGR International research scholar (PDFs) | 100 USD (for 14 days visit) and a flat-rate for extended visits as decided by the committee on a case-by-case basis For a visit between 7-14 working days... |
| 3: SGR International student scholarship for non-degree program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily allowance of INR 650 may be provided subject to committee's approval. • Honorarium may be considered if asked and justified by the host faculty. It will be subjected to the approval of the committee based on the student's qualification and background. |
| 4: SGR International student scholarship for degree program | Not applicable |
| 5: SGR Student International Travel support | Not Applicable |

^aA working day can be any day of the week including a holiday where substantial academic activities take place. This should be planned and certified by the host faculty. The duration of visit may also include personal visits and leisure which may not be counted for remuneration.

Indian tax laws to be applicable on honorarium payment.

Table 6: International Travel support with Caps

| Scheme | Travel support (roundtrip) | |
|---|---|------------|
| | Origin | Cap |
| 1: SGR International Faculty/Expert | North America, South America, Australia, New Zealand | INR 150000 |
| 2: SGR International research scholar (PDFs) | Europe and Africa | INR 100000 |
| | Asia | INR 80000 |
| | Within India (in case visitor is already at an Indian Institution) | INR 30000 |
| 3: SGR International student scholarship for non-degree program | Not applicable. Travel support is expected to be provided by home institution as matching grant | |
| 4: SGR International student scholarship for degree program | Not provided | |
| 5: SGR Student International Travel support | Only international airfare to be supported subject to cap in Table 5 | |

Table 7: Support for Local travel and hospitality with Caps

| Scheme | Local travel | Local hospitality |
|---|---|--|
| 1: SGR International Faculty/Expert | INR 10000 (For entire visit) | INR 2500 per day for upto 14 days max. a flat-rate for extended visits as decided by the committee on a case-by-case basis |
| 2: SGR International research scholar (PDFs) | INR 10000 (For entire visit) | INR 1800 per day for upto 28 days max. a flat-rate for extended visits as decided by the committee on a case-by-case basis |
| 3: SGR International student scholarship for non-degree program | INR 10000 (For entire visit) | INR 800 per day for upto 120 days max |
| 4: SGR International student scholarship for degree program | Hostel and basic mess fees will be covered. | |
| 5: SGR Student International Travel support | Not applicable | Not applicable |

Important Information:

- All activities of the approved proposals should be completed by the time mentioned in **Table 1**.
- Required documents and checklist for submission are given in each application form.
- The candidates of all applicable schemes must declare that they have not, obtained, utilized, or claimed their travel expenditures and honorarium from any other sources other than from SGRIP.
- Applications are subject to approval by the committee. Any visits must be undertaken only after the committee has examined and approved a particular case.
- Preference will be given to the host faculty submitting proposal for the first time. Applications from a host faculty member who have been benefitted by SGRIP on any of the schemes may be considered after two academic years.
- The proposer may be requested to make a presentation during the review of his/her proposal if required by the committee.
- Miscellaneous/contingency expenses are to be borne by the department. If the department is unable to provide the support, justification must be given. Prior approval must be taken for such expenditure.

*****SGRIP Committee:** Dean IR (Chair), Dean FoEA, Dean FoS, Dean BTBS, Dean OR, Dean AA and Associate Dean CE&T (As per Director's approval dated 18.06.2024)

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