Savli Technology and Business Incubator

Dept. of Science & Technology, Govt. of Gujarat

GUIDELINES

for

Innovation Support u/ ***AtmaNirbhar*** **Gujarat Fellowship (AGF)**

1.1 Objective/ Expected Deliverable:

All AGFs are expected to work towards the Creation of a Start-Up and/ or the Development of an IP Right that can be licensed. The development of technology/ product/ process should be evident through advancement in the TRLs (Technology Readiness Levels).

1.2 Areas covered

Innovative Technopreneurial Proposals from any STEM disciplines; including but not limited to Natural Sciences, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Medical Sciences, etc., are encouraged to apply u/ this scheme.
Exemplary thrust areas include, but are not limited to Health Care, Agri Tech, Clean Tech, Diagnostic, Medical Device, Cell Based therapy, Energy, waste management, Food Technology etc.

Interdisciplinary Proposals that can help conversion of innovative Ideas into products/services are especially encouraged

The Proposals with only an idea not validated, OR the Idea for Exploratory Research, are not eligible u/this scheme

1.3 Categories:

Category	Minimum Qualification Required	Fellowship (₹)/month	Innovation Grant(₹)
STBI-AGF-A	STEM Graduate (Graduation in Natural Sciences, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Medical Sciences, etc.)	18,000	2,00,000
STBI-AGF-B	STEM Post Graduate (Masters' degree in STEM domains like Natural Sciences, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Medical Sciences, etc. OR PG Degree/ Diploma in Management after Graduation in STEM domains like Natural Sciences, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Medical Sciences, etc.)	25,000	4,00,000
STBI-AGF-C	Senior Fellows with PhD (At least Thesis Submitted) OR Masters' Degree + 5 yrs. Experience OR Bachelors' Degree + 8 yrs. Experience	35,000	6,00,000

Eligibility

- Any candidate who has completed a Graduation in STEM domains like Natural Sciences, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Medical Sciences, etc. is eligible to apply for STBI-AGF-A fellowship.
- Any candidate who has completed Masters' degree in STEM domains like Natural Sciences, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Medical Sciences, etc. OR completed PG Degree/ Diploma in Management after Graduation in STEM domains like Natural Sciences, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Medical Sciences, etc. is eligible to apply for STBI- STBI-AGF-B fellowship.
- Any candidate who has completed OR at least submitted a PhD thesis OR Professionals with Masters' degree in STEM domains (like Natural Sciences, Agriculture, Pharmacy, Veterinary Sciences, Medical Sciences, etc.) with at least 5 years of professional experience, OR with Bachelors' degree from STEM (including Natural Sciences, Pharma, Biotechnology, Engineering, Health Science, Veterinary Sciences, etc.) with at least 8 years of professional experience is eligible to apply for the STBI-AGF-C fellowship.
- Teams may also apply, however, the proposal should clearly spell out the Lead Applicant who shall have the responsibility of delivering the milestones. Requests for change in Team Composition, after award, will generally not be considered/ or considered by the designated committee, only in exceptional cases. In such cases, however, the financial liability towards the team shall be limited to that for one Fellowship.
- Female candidates, Physically Handicapped and Candidates from SC/ ST are encouraged to apply and may be given a waiver of 2 years in experience in the STBI-AGF-C Fellowship experience condition.
- STBI-AGF fellows are required to work full time at STBI

Conditions leading to ineligibility for AGF:

- Candidates having a source of income may not be considered for the STBI-AGF Fellowship. Any prize money, merit scholarship or fellowship shall not hinder in this condition.
- The same candidate should not be a recipient of sustenance allowance/ any remunerative fund, for the same or any other project, under any scheme of GoG, during the same duration.
- Candidates pursuing Ph.D. on the same topic shall not be considered for the STBI-AGF fellowship grant. Selected fellows cannot pursue Ph.D. during the fellowship tenure. The purpose of this Fellowship is strictly not to support candidates pursue an academic degree, but to commercialise innovation.
- Candidates of state domicile or those who have studied in Gujarat shall be preferred; however, the candidates are expected to register their Start-up in the state.

1.4 Nature of Proposals supported:

- Projects aiming at developing Product/ Process or Prototype or Translational research
- Proposals are expected to develop innovative products and technologies with the potential to address unmet needs.
- *AtmaNirbhar* Gujarat Fellows are expected to initiate start-ups. Hence, only proposals with the potential to commercialize processes, products and/ or technologies will be considered for support.

1.5 Number and Duration of Fellowship:

- Three Fellowships for STBI-AGF-A and Six Fellowships for each STBI-AGF-B and STBI-AGF-C shall be considered every year.
- Fellowship shall be provided for a period of 18 months with a provision of a 6-month extension (without any fellowship) only for deserving cases.

1.6 Support provided to fellows under the scheme

- *AtmaNirbhar* Gujarat Fellows will receive a monthly fellowship, an Innovation grant *(May be given in two equal tranches, against an Undertaking on Stamp Paper)* and Continuous Hand-holding.
- **Continuous Hand-holding:** STBI shall provide incubation and continuous mentoring support to fellows, including but not limited to Technical Mentoring, IP Support, Legal Support, Networking and Outreach, Trainings, Regulatory Advice, Business Mentoring and Fund raising.

1.7 Process Flow: Application, Selection process for all categories of fellowships:

- Applications for all categories of fellowships shall be invited through advertisements in leading dailies/websites/ suitable magazines/ publications.
- The application shall be submitted online on the STBI portal before the indicated deadline.
- The applicants should be asked to submit an FTO Analysis report from a qualified expert/ agency
- STBI Secretariat shall undertake an eligibility check and primary scrutiny.
- Shortlisted applicants/teams (not necessarily all eligible; but shortlisted with the approval of the Committee) will be called for a presentation before the designated Committee.
- Finally, approved Candidates/ Teams shall have to give an undertaking on a Stamp Paper of value of

  ₹300/- (or as decided from time to time) , assuring return of the entire Innovation Grant and the Fellowship amount in case of inability to complete the tenure for whatever reason, unless exempted by an authorized committee/ person.

1.8 AGF Designated Committee

- A singular Committee has been empowered for all activities related to AGF – viz. Modifications to the course of action, selection of candidates, reviewing the progress of the candidates, final graduation of the candidates from AGF, etc.

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