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**Application Format for Research Seed Fund**

*(Note: this fund should be utilised for pilot studies or for Developing Prototypes / Research Protocols to Solicit External Funding for full projects)*

**Section 1: General Information**

1. **Title of the Research Proposal**:
2. **Principal Investigator (PI):**
   * Name:
   * Designation:
   * Department:
   * Institution:
   * Email:
   * Phone:
3. **Co-Investigators (if applicable):**
   * Name, Designation, Department, Institution, Email, Phone
4. **Collaborating Institutions (if any):**
   * Name of Institution(s):
   * Contact Person:

**Research Proposal Summary**

1. **Abstract (250 words):**
   * Briefly summarize the research idea, objectives, significance, and expected impact.
2. **Keywords (3-5):**

**Research Plan**

1. **Background & Rationale (Max 500 words):**
   * Provide a brief literature review.
   * Justify the need for this research.
   * Identify knowledge gaps and how this study will address them.
2. **Objectives & Hypothesis:**
   * Clearly state primary and secondary objectives.
   * Mention the research hypothesis (if applicable).
3. **Methodology (Max 1000 words):**
   * **Study Design** (e.g., observational, experimental, clinical trial, survey-based, etc.).
   * **Study Population & Sample Size Calculation**
   * **Data Collection Methods**
   * **Proposed Analysis Plan**
   * **Expected Outcomes**
4. **Potential for External Funding:**
   * List potential external funding agencies that will be approached after pilot study /protocol / prototype development.
   * Justify why the study aligns with their funding priorities.
5. **Timeline (Max 1 Year):**
   * Provide a Gantt chart or timeline for protocol development, pilot studies, and external funding applications.

**Budget Justification & Use of Seed Fund**

1. **Total Amount Requested:** ₹\_\_\_\_
2. **Breakdown of Budget Allocation:**

| **Budget Head** | **Amount (₹)** | **Justification** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Personnel (if applicable) |  |  |
| Equipment (minor, if needed) |  |  |
| Consumables |  |  |
| Software & Data Analysis Tools |  |  |
| Travel (for field visits, collaboration meetings) |  |  |
| Miscellaneous |  |  |

1. **Justification:**
   * Explain how the seed fund will be used to strengthen the proposal for external funding.

**Ethical and Regulatory Considerations**

1. **Does this study involve human/animal subjects?** (Yes/No)
2. **If Yes, has ethical clearance been obtained or applied for?** (Attach Ethics Committee approval or explain plans for submission)

**Expected Deliverables and Future Funding Plan**

1. **Expected Outcomes from Seed Fund Utilization:**
   * Research Protocol Completion.
   * Pilot Data (if applicable).
   * Submission of an External Funding Proposal (specify agencies).
2. **Potential Funding Agencies & Grant Submission Plan:**
   * Name of Funding Agency(ies)
   * Tentative Submission Date

**Declaration & Endorsement**

1. **Declaration by Principal Investigator:**
   * I hereby declare that the information provided is accurate and that the seed funding will be utilized solely for the purpose stated in this proposal.
   * PI Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. **Endorsement by Head of Institution:**
   * I endorse this proposal and confirm that the necessary institutional support will be provided.
   * Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Designation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Signature & Seal: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   * Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments (If Applicable)**

1. **PI’s Short CV (Max 2 pages)**
2. **Ethics Approval (if available)**
3. **Letters of Collaboration (if applicable)**