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KSCSTE – Inclusion of Faculty from Private colleges in Kerala having prescribed eligibility criteria, under the research support schemes of KSCSTE like SRS, ETP and E&E schemes – Approved -Orders issued.

Council (M) Order No124/2025/KSCSTE Thiruvananthapuram,Dated:06-12-2025

Read: Minutes of the 69th Executive Committee meeting held on 28/11/2025
(Item No.69.28.02)

ORDER

KSCSTE has been operating the research schemes Engineering and Technology (ETP), Ecology and Environment (E&E) and Science Research Scheme (SRS) for promoting high end research in the emerging areas of Engineering, Environment and Science respectively. The maximum financial grant under these schemes is Rs. 30 lakh. These schemes are the primary choice of faculties of Govt. institutions in Kerala for undertaking research in their area of expertise. Currently as per the guidelines of the schemes, the Principal Investigator (PI) shall be a regular Faculty of Research Centres/ Scientists in R&D Institutions, Engineering Departments of Universities, Government/ Aided/ Govt. supported (cost sharing) Engineering Colleges in the Kerala State.

Faculty members in private colleges are presently not eligible to apply under ETP and private institutions in Kerala impart quality science and technology education, and their faculty members actively engage in research, including guiding PhD scholars. In view of this, it is proposed that the schemes SRS, ETP, and E&E may be extended to private institutions that meet the following eligibility criteria.

Criteria I. PI/ Co-PI should have minimum of 3 SCI/ SCOPUS indexed publications in the last three years

Criteria II. Applicant must meet at least two of the following four conditions to be

eligible to apply

1. Accreditation status – The institution should have the accreditation mentioned in the table below

Private Institution Type	Accrediting Agencies	Yes/ NA
Medical Institutions	DSIR NABH NABL	
Arts & Science Colleges	DSIR UGC NAAC A+ grade and above (valid during the year of application)	
Engineering Institutions	DSIR UGC NAAC A+ grade and above (valid during the year of application)	
	NBA (3 programmes preceding 3 years)	

2. NIRF ranking during the year of application should be <250

3. Ongoing research projects – At least two ongoing research projects with a minimum total funding of ₹30,00,000/- from State or Central Universities

4. The PI's department must be an approved research centre of a public university in Kerala and should have full-time research scholars currently working.

As fixing an eligibility criteria mentioned above is very important to ensure the competence of the PI and also the credibility of the tie-up institution, the matter is placed before the 69th Executive Committee for appropriate decision regarding the inclusion of Faculty from Private colleges in Kerala having prescribed eligibility criteria, under the research support schemes of KSCSTE like SRS, ETP and E&E schemes.

The 69th Executive Committee examined the matter and approved the inclusion of Faculty from Private colleges in Kerala having prescribed eligibility criteria and satisfies the required conditions to apply under various research support programmes of KSCSTE. The Executive Committee also suggested to include "DSIR/ICAR" instead of "DSIR" in

the Accredited agencies. Accordingly, KSCSTE is pleased to approve inclusion of Faculty from Private colleges in Kerala who meets the following eligibility criteria to apply under various research support programmes of KSCSTE.

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