

## KERALA STATE COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

### Scheme for Promoting Young Talents in Science (SPYTiS)

#### GUIDELINES

1. Scheme for Promoting Young Talents in Science (SPYTiS) is intended for students from schools, polytechnic colleges and those admitted to undergraduate level courses in colleges to conduct science projects.
2. Under SPYTiS- I, school students (maximum of 5 students per group) studying in class VIII- XII can apply. Selected projects will be awarded a financial assistance of maximum Rs.5,000/-.
3. Under SPYTiS – II, students who are enrolled in polytechnic colleges and undergraduate courses in colleges (BSc level) will be provided a maximum financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- for conducting projects (maximum of 5 students per group). Selected projects will be awarded a financial assistance of maximum Rs.10,000/-.
4. Proposals from students enrolled in professional courses will not be considered under SPYTiS. They shall apply under Student Project scheme of KSCSTE for financial assistance.
5. Duration of the project under SPYTiS I & II will be one year from the date of sanction
6. Under SPYTiS I & II, the maximum number of proposals to forwarded from an institution shall be limited as follows:
  - 10 from a school/college
  - 4 from a college/ university department
  - 2 from a PI from school/college

The Head of the Institution shall ensure that the number of proposals being forwarded from the institution is as per the criteria given above, failing which none of the proposals from the institution will be considered.
7. Under both schemes, grant will be sanctioned to the host institution and the student has to work under the guidance/supervision of a teacher. The awardees shall be requested to participate in a Science Talent Fair, Children Science Congress or Kerala Science Congress organized by KSCSTE for presenting their projects/findings.
8. The completed application with all supporting documents should reach Director, KSCSTE on or before the due date. Hence, all the institutions are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. The decision of KSCSTE in the selection of projects shall be final.
9. A total of three copies of applications should be sent to KSCSTE along with the supporting documents.
10. Prior approval from KSCSTE shall be taken in case of change in the Principal Investigator/ teacher supervisor of the project. However, under any conditions, KSCSTE shall not entertain change in the student investigators of a sanctioned project.
11. Under both the schemes, no major equipment for research will be granted. Minor equipments, if found necessary, will be granted only to an institution in the State under SPYTiS II. In such a case, the budget for minor equipments shall be limited to 30% of the maximum eligible amount. Further, all permanent assets evolved from the project shall be the asset of the institution.

12. The teacher investigator of the selected project shall forward the Terms and Conditions signed by the Head of the Institution within two weeks of receipt of the sanction letter as per the following:

Sl No:	Institutions/ Agencies	T&C execution in
1	Government Institutions/ State Universities/ Central Universities in Kerala/ Government Aided	Plain paper duly signed by the PI & Head of the institution in each page wherever T& C is applicable.
2	Unaided Academic & Research Institutions/ NGO's	Non-judicial Stamp paper worth Rs. 200/- wherever T&C is applicable.

13. The financial assistance will be disbursed to the Head of the Institution, only after the successful conduct of the project, subject to the submission of signed terms and conditions, final report and financial statements. The audited Statement of Expenditure (SE) and Utilization Certificate (UC) in the standard format may be submitted within three months after the completion of the project.

14. The SE, UC shall be signed by authorized persons as given below:

Sl No.	Category of Institution	Authorized Person
1	Central Government Institutions, State Government Institutions, University Departments, R&D Centres of KSCSTE	Finance officer of the Institution
2	Government colleges	Head Accountant / Principal
3	Aided Colleges, Un-aided Colleges, Self financing Colleges and Autonomous Institutions	Chartered Accountant
4	Government / Aided Schools	Principal/Head of the Institution
5	NGO's	Chartered Accountant
All SE & UC should be counter signed by the Head of the Institution.		

15. KSCSTE should be duly acknowledged in all publications associated with the project.

16. For further details contact:

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