

Dear Madam/Sir,

Proposals are invited from the eligible faculty members under the Research Initiation Grant (RIG) in the prescribed format attached. The norms for the RIG as approved by the competent authority are also attached in a separate file. All the eligible faculty members are requested to submit their research proposal (hard copy) through respective HOD's in the Office of the Dean (R&C) positively by February 19, 2019. Further, it is requested to send soft copy of the proposal through email to [sgghosh.acad@gmail.com](mailto:sgghosh.acad@gmail.com).

HODs are requested to circulate the message to all the eligible faculty members of the respective department.

With regards

Convener-RIG Committee

**National Institute of Technology Durgapur**

**Norms for the Research Initiation Grant**

**(Ref. Office Order No. NITD/60 dated December 06, 2018)**

- The scheme is open to  
Category I: Assistant Professors (newly recruited), and  
Category II: Assistant Professors (Recruited before 2018 and have not got any fund from RIG earlier).
- The applicant of Category II either acted or currently acting as an Investigator of a sponsored / Consultancy project is not eligible for the scheme.
- Applicants with PhD degree only will be considered for the scheme.
- The limit of expenditure per faculty under the scheme is Rs 5 lakhs.
- The scheme is primarily meant for creating a research infrastructure for the faculty member, which can also be used by other faculty members of the department and the Institute as per availability and such usage is reasonable.
- The proposal must include only such research equipments and some consumables as needed for the proposed research.
- No laptop / desktop / conventional computing facilities / computer peripherals / stationeries / travel grant / manpower / ordinary camera / video camera / projectors / books / journals are permissible under the scheme, in general. Servers / high-end graphic workstation / software needed for high-end computing is, however, permissible. The screening committee shall, however, be empowered to grant equipment, if justified by the applicant to be essential for the project.
- Pooling of resources by more than one faculty members and submission of a joint proposal may be considered. Under such cases name of PI and Co-Pi(s) should be clearly mentioned.
- The applicants shall give a brief presentation on the objective, work plan, budget and expected outcome within 10 minutes in presence of the committee members.
  
- The screening shall be made by the Committee members of the RIG and the concerned HOD. One external expert shall be invited to facilitate the screening.
  
- All applicants must submit an undertaking regarding the deliverables.
  
- The PI of the RIG need to submit progress report, statement of expenditure and the utilization certificate at the end of each FY during the tenure of the project for sanction of fund for the subsequent FY(s) and a completion certificate at the end of the project.