

**BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
INNOVATION & CAREER HUB
BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY
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Call for Proposals for Theme Based Projects

1. Purpose

The Bharathidasan University Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub (BECH) established in July 2019, has set out a mission of inculcating the dynamics of innovative entrepreneurial skills in the academic curriculum and research at higher education level. As a follow up of the students' sensitization program, BECH invites proposals for Theme Based Projects from students and research scholars of Bharathidasan University Departments and Affiliated Colleges. Aspirants with innovative ideas may prepare proposals for financial assistance, and only those proposals with thrust for innovation of new product or service will be chosen for funding from BECH. This is to further the RUSA sponsored Theme Based Projects across the Faculties of 'Arts', 'Languages', 'Management' and 'Science, Engineering & Technology'.

2. Eligibility / Who can Apply?

- Applicants should be / have currently pursuing / completed any UG / PG degree across the Faculties of 'Arts', 'Languages', 'Management' and 'Science, Engineering & Technology'.
- The upper age limit for the applicants will be 25 years as on 01.01.2020. Age relaxation of 5 (five) years will be given to candidates belonging to SC/ST/BC/MBC/Physically Challenged/Women categories.
- Applicants may identify and obtain a consent letter from a Mentor, who must be a regular faculty member of Bharathidasan University / its Affiliated Colleges with due Ph.D. supervision approval from Bharathidasan University.

3. Research Grant Support&Budget

Items	Amount
Research Grant / Funding for Theme Based Projects to develop innovative prototypes / processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximum of ₹2,00,000/- per proposal for Social Sciences• Maximum of ₹5,00,000/- per proposal for Physical Sciences & Biological Sciences

- The hub may provide funding, subject to the availability of funds/ grants/ schemes meant for this purpose. Research Grant / Funds will be sanctioned to the applicants with the objective of commercializing a novel technological idea, scaling up a laboratory proven concept and setting up a technology business enterprise and shall be based on case to case merits.
- The hub will have sole discretion to sanction or reject an application for funding and the decision of the hub in this regard shall be final. It is not bound to give any reason in case an application for funding is rejected.
- Funding will be provided through grant to prospective proposals through the Screening/Selection Committee of BECH – RUSA 2.0. Decision of the committee will be final.
- Research Grant / Funds can be used for the purchase of minor equipment / material for prototypes, consumables, contingencies and domestic travel. There is no provision for providing manpower support under this scheme. The candidate is expected to undertake the research objectives by himself/herself during the entire duration of the Project.
- The candidates can avail other fellowships / grants from any Governmental or Non-Governmental source for the same Project subject to prior approval from BECH – RUSA 2.0. (Note: PDF candidates cannot avail any other fellowship, however, they can avail other grants for the project.)
- The candidates must seek the consent of BECH – RUSA 2.0 if he/she intends to be away from the implementing institute (except for field work related to the project) continuously for a period more than eight weeks.

4. Selection and Mode of Application

- The call for Applications regarding the Theme Based Projects for developing innovative prototypes / processes will be notified through the websites www.bechrusa.in and www.bdu.ac.in
- The Application form should be submitted online through the website www.bechrusa.in
- The Theme Based Project should be based on innovative ideas with the objective of commercializing a novel technological idea / scaling up a laboratory proven concept / setting up a technology business enterprise.

- An Expert Committee constituted by BECH - RUSA 2.0 will scrutinize the Applications and the short-listed candidates will be called for personal interview. The selected candidates will be recommended for the award of Research Grant / Funding for Theme Based Project to develop innovative prototypes / processes.

5. Tenure

- The tenure of the Theme Based Projects will be between 6 (six) months and 2 (two) years depending upon the individual projects.
- After that a maximum of two extensions may be granted upto 6 months each at a time at the sole discretion of the Advisory Committee of BECH – RUSA 2.0 based upon the performance of the candidate and recommendation of the Mentor.

6. Documents Required

- a) Resume (Download Template)
- b) Qualification Certificates
- c) Age proof certificate
- d) Category Certificate (in case of Age Relaxation)
- e) Undertaking certificate by the applicant (Download Template)
- f) Consent letter from Mentor (Download Template), if applicable
- g) Brief CV of the Mentor (Download Template), if applicable

7. Termination of the Research Grant / Funding

- In case a candidate wishes to discontinue the Programme, a prior intimation is mandatory through the Mentor and host institution, at least three months in advance.
- BECH - RUSA 2.0 reserves the right to terminate the Research Grant / Funding at any stage if it is convinced that appropriate progress is not being made or the grant has not been utilized properly.
- If the Programme is terminated, the Advisory Committee of BECH – RUSA 2.0 will decide whether the Research Grant / Funding disbursed and/or utilized so far should be refunded or not. Decision of the Advisory Committee shall be final.