

**Chapter 6**  
**RESEARCH PROMOTION SCHEME (RPS)**  
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<b>1.1</b>		<b>Objectives</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	RPS Promotes Research in identified thrust areas of in Technical Education. RPS is aimed to create research ambience in the institutes by promoting research in engineering sciences and innovations in established and newer technologies; and to generate Master's and Doctoral degree candidates to augment the quality of faculty and research personnel in the country.
	<b>(b)</b>	Research and development activities are considered as an essential component of higher education because of their role in creating new knowledge and insight and imparting excitement and dynamism to the educational process, as well as make them need based in view of the national requirements. The objective of this scheme is to create and update the general research capabilities of the faculty members of the various Technical Institutes. The proposal should include a specific project theme with a clear statement of the objectives, details of equipments and other research facilities proposed to be acquired and the expected deliverables from the project.
<b>1.2</b>		<b>Eligibility</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	AICTE approved Technical Institutions/University Departments with relevant PG programme with at least 10 years of existence.
	<b>(b)</b>	Full time regular faculty with research experience and publications.
	<b>(c)</b>	The preliminary research facilities should be available in the institute.
	<b>(d)</b>	One proposal from one PI (Principal Investigator) will be sanctioned at any point of time within the duration of project.
	<b>(e)</b>	Maximum number of proposals acceptable per institute (including sanctioned earlier but not completed) shall be five and three from Govt. institute and Pvt. Institute respectively. However, maximum number of proposal acceptable to be approved per institute shall be two for Govt. and Pvt. Institute both.
<b>1.3</b>		<b>Duration of the Project</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	Duration of project will be three year from the date of receipt of funds in the institute's account.
<b>1.4</b>		<b>Limit of Funding</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	Total funding of Rs.25Lakh.
	<b>(b)</b>	Recurring 15% and Non-Recurring 85% of the total grant. Refer 6.1.7(g).
<b>1.5</b>		<b>Disbursement of the Funds</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	<b>Full amount of total sanctioned Non-recurring Grant and 90% of the total sanctioned Recurring Grant.</b>
	<b>(b)</b>	<b>10% of total sanctioned recurring grant only after submission of Utilization Certificate and all requisite documents.</b>
<b>1.6</b>		<b>Processing Methodology:</b>
		The proposal shall be assessed by an expert committee constituted as follows:
	<b>(a)</b>	Three member expert committee not below the rank of Associate Professor.
	<b>(b)</b>	At least two members among the experts shall be from the concerned stream.

<b>1.7</b>		<b>Terms and conditions</b>
	<b>(a)</b>	The Principal Investigator already having ongoing RPS projects from AICTE shall not be considered unless the ongoing projects are completed.
	<b>(b)</b>	The departments not having relevant Post Graduate Programme intended for execution of the proposed project as well as Diploma level Courses are not eligible for financial assistance under RPS Scheme.
	<b>(c)</b>	The Principal Investigator has the primary responsibility for the implementation of the project.
	<b>(d)</b>	In case the Principal Investigator leaves the Institution without transfer of the project or goes on long leave, the Co-Investigator would be allowed to continue with the project, subject to the consent of the Principal Investigator in case of long leave and approval of AICTE. All such requests should be sent to AICTE in advance. Therefore, association of a Co-Investigator in the project is desirable.
	<b>(e)</b>	In case the Principal Investigator leaves the Institute and there is no other associated Co-Investigator to carry out the project, the Head of the Department should take the responsibility for identifying a competent person in the Institution in the relevant subject area and submit his/her bio-data to the Council for further consideration.
	<b>(f)</b>	The grant will be utilized strictly for the purpose as specified in the sanction letter. Re-appropriation of funds from one head to another is strictly not permitted; Recurring and Non-Recurring heads are 15% and 85% respectively of the total grant, unless otherwise recommended by AICTE experts. The list of equipment decided by the experts is final and there can be no changes later on.
	<b>(g)</b>	Once the project is sanctioned, the Council shall not consider any request for additional grant.
	<b>(h)</b>	Separate institutional overheads for execution of the project shall not be provided by AICTE.
	<b>(i)</b>	Out of the project grant, no funds can be used for going abroad to attend Conferences/Seminars. However, for presenting a paper in a Seminar/Conference within the Country, the travel expenses may be met from the recurring component of the grant