## Guidelines for Minor Research Project

## (SRIVIPRA Initiative)

### Objective

This scheme aims to provide research support to faculty members for undertaking multidisciplinary research in various fields. Each project must involve up to ten students from the College, who may come from either a single discipline or multiple disciplines. Not all projects under SRIVIPRA would be eligible for the same.

The initiative intends to bolster the research ecosystem in the college by enhanced student participation and looks forward to serving as a platform to encourage faculty members to explore opportunities of minor and major research projects from different other organisations.

#### Eligibility

* Applicants [Principal Investigator(s)] should be a permanent faculty member of Sri Venkateswara College.
* A faculty member, who once received a project grant under this scheme shall be eligible to apply again only after a gap of one year from the date of completion of earlier project.
* Maximum two faculty members can apply in one project involving up to ten bonafide students of the college. If two faculty members are involved in one project, then both will be designated as Principal Investigator. However, one will be the convener among the two and they will decide this among themselves and mention it in research proposal.
* The grant shall not be awarded to individuals who are currently engaged in a research project funded by either government or non-government agencies.

### Nature and Duration of Support

* The scheme will provide research support to an individual teacher or a group of teachers along with up to ten students of the college. Students from various departments may be opted in the project.
* The funding will be for a period of six months.
* The maximum number of projects that will be sanctioned and funded across all the disciplines is left to the discretion of the SRIVIPRA Committee subject to the availability of funds.
* Out of the approved projects, the distribution will ordinarily be from all streams and disciplines offered at the college. Themes of interdisciplinary nature are highly encouraged.
* The maximum research grant for one project will be of ₹ 30,000/-.
* The research grant should be used for small equipment (not available in college), consumables, outsourcing of laboratory facilities, and contingencies, field visit (Delhi-NCR region) and collection of archival material.
* The research grant should be used for minor equipment/components/licensed software (not available in college, department laboratories or not accessible through Delhi University network (https://ducc.du.ac.in/wp3/software/)), consumables, outsourcing of laboratory facilities, contingencies, and field visit (Delhi-NCR region). However, using open-access software tools or the licensed software available through the Delhi University network is encouraged. The minor equipment/license purchased for the project shall be transferred to the college after the completion of the project.
* No amounts shall be paid to the Principal Investigator or students as honorarium.
* Contingency and travel heads should not exceed 30% of the total sanctioned amount of the project.
* The expenditure for SRIVIPRA 2025 shall be met from the designated funds allocated for the year 2025-26.

### Selection and Mode of Application

* An applicant can apply for only one proposal during a call.
* Any proposal rejected should not be resubmitted without any substantial revision.
* The call for applications will be notified through the college website and email.
* The application form and a proper research proposal highlighting the research work to be undertaken should be submitted to the college before the last date.
* Blind peer reviews of the submitted proposals will be carried out by the relevant subject experts not associated with the college.
* Final selection will be based on the recommendations of the reviewers followed by the approval from the competent authority of the college.

### Plagiarism

* Proposals submitted must be original in ideation and content. Plagiarism in any form will not be acceptable. Proposals are liable to be rejected if found plagiarized.
* For plagiarism checks, each project investigator may seek plagiarism check support from the College Library.

#### Points to be noted

* + The research proposal may be discipline -specific/interdisciplinary/Trans disciplinary.
	+ In order to maintain research ethics, it is encouraged/essential to publish the research outcomes through presentations at national or international conferences and/or by publishing in reputed journals, such as those indexed in Scopus, SCI,SCIE , SSCI AHCI , ESCI etc. to ensure wider visibility and academic recognition.
	+ An undertaking that the project would be completed within the time limit has to be provided. Once the grant is sanctioned, further undertaking would be taken from students too.
	+ **Expected Outcomes and Societal Benefits**: The expected outcomes of the research projects must be clearly defined in the proposal. These outcomes should reflect the project's contribution to the generation of new knowledge, technological advancement, or policy insights. Each project should also explicitly outline the potential societal benefits, such as addressing local or. national challenges, promoting sustainable practices, improving community welfare, or enriching cultural and educational perspectives
	+ **Student Participation Commitment**: Active and diligent participation of students is mandatory throughout the project period. Students are expected to contribute sincerely to all research activities, data collection, analysis, and reporting. To maintain consistency and accountability, replacement of student researchers will only be permitted within the first three months of the project. Beyond this period, no replacement shall be allowed under any circumstances.
	+ For safety reasons, no student should be sent out of station for any project related to this work unless accompanied by a teacher or other students.
	+ It is expected that co-authored publications would come out of this project.
	+ A midterm evaluation of the project will be done by the college and the Principal Investigator(s) will have to submit the midterm progress report.
	+ An extension for completion/publication of research project outcome, without financial assistance may be given to Principal Investigator(s) on written request subject to a maximum of six months.
	+ Final report and research outcomes related to project may be presented before the SriVipra Committee.
	+ Proper Utilization Certificate should be submitted to the college after completion of the project within a maximum of one month from the date of completion.

**SRIVIPRA**

* CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR SRIVIPRA MINOR RESEARCH PROJECTS
* The members of the faculty of Sri Venkateswara College are encouraged to apply for the SRIVIPRA MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT Grant.
* Not all SRIVIPRA Projects would be eligible for the grant.
* In this year, some of the projects would be supported for a maximum of Rs. 30000/- each.
* The deadline for submissions is May 20th, 2025