

Technopark TePP Outreach Centre (T-TUC)

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Funding for Innovators: The TePP Program



PROGRAMME	ELIGIBILITY
TePP Phase I (innovation incubation): 1. Micro Technopreneurship Support (TS) (Max support Rs 0.75 lakhs)	Any independent innovator testing radically new ideas with computer generated models.
2. TePP Project Fund (TPF) (Max support Rs 15 lakhs)	Any independent innovator/ start-up firm for developing function proving prototypes.
TePP Phase II (enterprise incubation): 1. Supplementary TePP Fund (STF) (max support Rs 7.50 lakhs)	Successful TePP innovators of TePP Phase-I for licensing technology to a third party.
2. Seamless scale-up support (S3T) (max support Rs 45 lakhs)	Successful TePP innovators of TePP Phase-I for starting own enterprise.

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1. TePP is a common programme of DSIR and TIFAC (DST).
 2. The application blank appropriate to the category may be downloaded from DSIR Website: <http://www.dsir.nic.in/>
 3. Innovators are encouraged to submit proposals through the TUC, Technopark, TePP Outreach Centre. The TUC will provide counseling and mentoring, and if needed incubation facilities. There will be no counseling sessions in DSIR/TIFAC.
 4. dot.com start-ups are not supported under TePP but start-ups with innovative delivery models of S&T to rural beneficiaries are eligible for support.
 5. Innovators are advised to protect their intellectual property rights by submitting provisional application before revealing details in application, essential for evaluation. For approved projects, subsequent patenting costs including international patenting in two countries are eligible for support.
 6. Proposals of grass root innovators and school children are supported under NIF and not TePP.
 7. Faculty research and student projects are not supported under TePP, but faculty start-ups and student entrepreneurs are eligible provided they possess technology commercialization rights.
 8. Canvassing in any form is liable for summarily rejection of the application.
 9. The decision of the Ministry will be final. No correspondence shall be entertained on the proposals rejected

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their success rate can increase.

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Who are covered:

Any innovative Indian say a Student, Engineer, Scientist, Artisan, Housewife etc. The individual must have an innovative idea/project, which has the potential of commercial utility and/or societal absorption. Technopark is conducting counselling sessions every Wednesday for the young innovators.

What supports are available:

The financial support available at various stages of innovation value chain are.

Technopreneurship (TS) support upto **Rs. 75,000/-** This is for micro budget innovation and is given as initial support to prepare the innovator to work out their initial ideas to the point where they can be considered for TPF.

TePP Project Fund (TPF) support limited upto **Rs. 15.00 Lakh** for each project. The applicant can be individual innovator or start-up firms. The proposals may include plan to convert an original idea/invention/know-how into working prototypes/process and/or demonstrate novel delivery models to take S&T innovations to rural India.

Supplementary TePP support to successful TePP innovators upto **Rs. 7.50 Lakh**. The support is for TePP innovators that have developed product/process at concept proving stage for facilitating technology transfer to entrepreneurs. Activities supported are patent filling, testing / validation, building improved prototype / design, preparing technology transfer document etc.

Seamless scale-up support upto **Rs. 45.00 Lakh** through technology business incubation exercise for selected product/process.

Projects that are NOT covered:

- Generic proposals on software development.
- Proposals for patenting only
- Basic scientific research projects with no immediate commercial entity
- Projects of academic nature (student projects and/or research projects).

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