

UTILISATION OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE OF RETIRED SCIENTISTS

A large number of eminent scientists in the country remain active and deeply motivated to participate in S&T development activities even after their retirement. In order to utilize their expertise and potential, a specific scheme named `Utilisation of the Scientific Expertise of Retired Scientists (USERS) was introduced by the Department of Science and Technology during the Seventh Five Year Plan.

ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED

The main activity supported under the programme is preparation of books / monographs / state-of the art reports.

GUIDELINES

1. After superannuation, Scientists up to the age of 67 years are eligible provided that they do not have any other fellowship/ programme.
2. The proposal should clearly focus on the scope of the book/monograph/review or state-of-the art report.
3. The Scientist should ensure publication of the work by either approaching a scientific society or publisher who is willing to publish the manuscript before submitting the proposal to DST. (Kindly enclose copy of agreement/letter of concurrence). DST will not support cost of publication.
4. The project duration would normally be for two years.
5. The scientist will be eligible for an honorarium (to be fixed as per rules) provided he/she is not getting any honorarium from other sources.
6. Project should normally be completed within the sanctioned period. However, in exceptional cases extensions for short periods will be considered.

7. The following documents/papers are required to be submitted with the proposal.

Items	No of copies
a) Certificate from Head of the Institution as per the format (On letter head)	One
b) Certificate from investigator as per the format	One
c) The detailed proposal as per format	Ten
d) Copy of agreement/concurrence from Publishers/ society agreeing to publish the work.	One
e) List of five experts in the field with Addresses.	

8. Copies of the proposal and other required documents must be sent in one lot to:

The Head
SERC Division
Department of Science & Technology
Technology Bhavan
New Mehrauli Road
New Delhi-110016

The envelope containing proposal may be superscribed

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- 9 Please contact DST if the acknowledgement letter mentioning the registration number of the project is not received within one month from the date of communication of the proposal.
10. Please feel free to enquire about the status of the proposal after six months from the date of its submission.

11. Please make sure to quote our registration number and title of the proposal in all future Communications.
12. The financial aid received from the Department of Science & Technology should duly acknowledge on the front page of the publication.
13. Three copies of the published book should be submitted to DST before settlement of final accounts.

CERTIFICATE FROM THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- (i) I/We will abide by the terms and conditions of grants.
- (ii) I/We have not submitted this proposal elsewhere for financial support.
- (iii) I/We have explored and ensured that the basic facilities will actually be available as and when required for the work. I/We shall not require financial support for these items.
- (iv)(Name of publisher & address) have agreed to publish this work when it is ready (copy enclosed)
- (v) I/We will submit 3 copies of the published book / monograph /state of art report on free of cost to DST before settlement of final accounts.

Name and signature of Principal Investigator

Date:

Place:

CERTIFICATE FROM THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION

- 1. Certified that the University/Institute welcomes participation of Dr/Shri/Smt/Kum..... as the principal investigator for the project (Title)
- 2. Certified that basis facilities like library, office equipment and Administrative support as per terms and conditions of the grant will be extended to him/her throughout the duration of the project.

Signature of the Head of University
Institution with

seal

Date:

Place: