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Excellence in Research and Innovation

Category	Category Definition
Excellence in Research and Innovation	*This award category honors institutions that have demonstrated exceptional commitment to advancing knowledge through cutting-edge research and innovation. These institutions foster a research-driven ecosystem, support high-impact projects, and encourage interdisciplinary collaboration. By translating research into real-world applications, they contribute meaningfully to societal progress, technological advancement, and policy innovation.*

Section 1 – Basic information*				
Institution name				
Institution address		City:	State:	Zone: Choose an item.
Date of incorporation	Click here to enter a date.			
Type of institution	□ Public Institution		□ Private Institution	
	□ Central Government Institution	□ Institute of Eminence	□ Central Government Institution	□ Institute of Eminence
	□ State Government Institution	□ Institute of National Importance	□ State Government Institution	□ Institute of National Importance
	□ Deemed to be University	□ Others: (Please specify) _____	□ Deemed to be University	□ Others: (Please specify) _____
Level of education provided	□ Under-Graduate □Ph.D./Doctorate □ Others (please specify) ………………		□ Post-Graduate □ Diploma/Certificate	
Website				

Section 2 – Contact Details *	
Name of Vice Chancellor or Director or Registrar or another equivalent person	
Designation	
E-mail ID	
Contact Number	

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Name of the SPOC for the Awards (Same as above)	
Designation	
E-mail ID	

Section 3 – Operational Matrix*		
Parameters	**April 2023 – March 2024**	**April 2024 – March 2025**
Number of self-funded research projects	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50 □ 51 to 75 □ More than 75	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50 □ 51 to 75 □ More than 75
Number of externally fully funded research projects	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50 □ 51 to 75 □ More than 75	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50 □ 51 to 75 □ More than 75
Total research funding received from external sources (in INR)	□ < 10 lakhs □ 10 to 25 lakhs □ 25 to 50 □ 51 to 1 Crore □ > 1 Crore	□ < 10 lakhs □ 10 to 25 lakhs □ 25 to 50 □ 51 to 1 Crore □ > 1 Crore
Total industry consulting/training revenues generated (in INR)	□ < 10 lakhs □ 10 to 25 lakhs □ 25 to 50 □ 51 to 1 Crore □ > 1 Crore	□ < 10 lakhs □ 10 to 25 lakhs □ 25 to 50 □ 51 to 1 Crore □ > 1 Crore
% of faculty research papers published in peer-reviewed journals out of the total number of full-time faculty involved in research		
Number of papers in national/international conference-proceedings	□ Up to 50 □ 51 to 100 □ 101 to 200 □ 201 to 300 □ More than 300	□ Up to 50 □ 51 to 100 □ 101 to 200 □ 201 to 300 □ More than 300
Number of patents filed by faculty	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50

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	□ 51 to 75 □ More than 75	□ 51 to 75 □ More than 75
Number of patents filed by students	□ Up to 50 □ 51 to 100 □ 101 to 200 □ 201 to 300 □ More than 300	□ Up to 50 □ 51 to 100 □ 101 to 200 □ 201 to 300 □ More than 300
Number of patents filed by faculty and students jointly	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50 □ 51 to 75 □ More than 75	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50 □ 51 to 75 □ More than 75
Number of recognised Cases published by Faculty	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50 □ 51 to 75 □ More than 75	□ Up to 10 □ 11 to 25 □ 26 to 50 □ 51 to 75 □ More than 75
Total number of patents granted to faculty, students and/or to both jointly)	□ Up to 50 □ 51 to 100 □ 101 to 200 □ 201 to 300 □ More than 300	□ Up to 50 □ 51 to 100 □ 101 to 200 □ 201 to 300 □ More than 300
Revenues generated from licensing patents/IPR (in INR)	□ < 10 lakhs □ 10 to 25 lakhs □ 25 to 50 □ 51 to 1 Crore □ > 1 Crore	□ < 10 lakhs □ 10 to 25 lakhs □ 25 to 50 □ 51 to 1 Crore □ > 1 Crore
Total number of Ph.D. seats available in the institution		
% of Ph.D.'s awarded in research out of the total number of Ph.D. seats available in the institution		
% of externally funded projects involving industry	□ None □ 1–25% □ 26–50% □ 51–75% □76–100%	□ None □ 1–25% □ 26–50% □ 51–75% □76–100%

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Number of active industry-academia research partnerships	□ None □ 1–3 □ 4–6 □ 7–10 □ More than 10	□ None □ 1–3 □ 4–6 □ 7–10 □ More than 10
Briefly name key partners or describe the nature of collaborations — Max 30 words		
Number of Technology Transfer Agreements Signed with Industry	□ None □ 1–3 □ 4–6 □ 7–10 □ More than 10	□ None □ 1–3 □ 4–6 □ 7–10 □ More than 10
Industry Advisory Involvement	□ No □ Yes – Informal □ Yes – Structured advisory involvement If yes , please specify	□ No □ Yes – Informal □ Yes – Structured advisory involvement If yes , please specify
(Please note that the numbers provided here will be validated at later stage hence it should be backed up with sufficient and relevant supporting documents)		

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<td colspan="2">Section 4 – Case Study*

<i>Note:</i>

<i>The below case study must pertain to ONLY one initiative/project implemented in relevance to this category. Please fill a different application form if you wish to apply with another initiative/s</i>
<i>This section should reflect the strategic vision and institutional priorities of the institution. It must be completed or reviewed by a member of the academic or leadership team (e.g., Director, Vice Chancellor, Dean, or Registrar). Inputs collected or compiled by administrative staff must be validated before final submission.</i></td>
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<td>1. What is your institution's overall vision and mission, and how are these reflected in its approach to research and innovation? How does your institution foster a culture that encourages inquiry, creativity, and knowledge creation?
<i>(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)</i></td>
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<td>Initiative Start Date: (DD/MM/YYYY)

Initiative End Date: (DD/MM/YYYY) / Ongoing

Name of Initiative/ Project</td>
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<td>2. Describe a major research or innovation initiative undertaken by your institution that demonstrates its commitment to advancing knowledge and real-world impact. Outline the objective, collaborators (if any), key challenges encountered, how they were addressed, and the outcomes or breakthroughs achieved.

<i>(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)</i>

<i>Note: You may describe either a single flagship initiative or a cluster of interrelated projects, provided they collectively reflect a cohesive institutional strategy and measurable impact.</i></td>
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<td>3. Summarize the measurable impact of the initiative, highlighting research outputs, innovations developed, and real-world applications. Include indicators such as publications, patents, citations, technology transfers, policy contributions, or societal adoption.

<i>(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)</i></td>
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4. How does your institution foster and leverage industry collaboration to advance its research and innovation agenda? Highlight key models of engagement such as co-funded projects, joint research centers, long-term partnerships, or mechanisms for knowledge and technology transfer. *(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)*	
5. Describe your institution's plan to sustain and scale the initiative over the next two years. Highlight current progress, future goals, and the strategies—such as institutional support, funding, partnerships, or policy integration—that will ensure its long-term success and broader impact. *(Max 150 words, preferably in bullets)*	
6. Why should your institution be recognized for Excellence in Research & Innovation? Highlight what sets your initiative apart in terms of originality, real-world impact, interdisciplinary collaboration, scalability, and long-term contribution to knowledge or society. *(Max 300 words, preferably in bullets)*	

Section 5 – Supporting Documents*	
Certificate of Incorporation/Registration certificate *	***Attach file***
Reports, research, or any other documentation validating the impact of the initiative*	***Attach file***
AI Report covering: * • AI tool used • % of content generated or paraphrased • % Plagiarism *(Max 20% AI-generated content allowed)*	***Attach file***
Why should your institution win this award? *(Max 2 pages)* *Please note : This document must be completed or reviewed by a senior member of the academic or leadership team.*	***Attach file***

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Any other collaterals (awards/ articles/certificates, etc.)	*Attach file*

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