

THE PUBLICATION GRANT SCHEME

One of the schemes under which Educational Research and Innovations Committee (ERIC) promotes educational research is, to provide publication grant for the publication of outstanding Ph.D. theses, research monographs, and research reports in the priority areas listed as under. The rules and the procedure for seeking the publication grant are mentioned in the subsequent sections.

Priority Areas of Research

Research proposals concerning the following areas will receive priority by ERIC in the coming three years.

1. Curricular Areas

In the backdrop of NCF-2005, it is important that each curricular area is revisited by the researchers and probed in depth to find answers to problems related to teaching-learning of different subjects. In this context, the status and role of arts, crafts and aesthetics; health, yoga and physical education; work education and peace education also need to be examined. The linguistic diversity of India poses complex challenges but also a range of opportunities. Language teaching needs to be multilingual not only in terms of the number of languages offered to children but also in terms of evolving strategies that would use the multilingual classroom as a resource. Issues related to language as medium of instruction and multilingualism, therefore, assume significance. Research proposals will also be welcome in the area of comparative studies on concerns related to school education.

2. National Concerns

One of the foremost concerns is ensuring enrolment and retention of all children in the school. Commitment to Universal Elementary Education presupposes representation of cultural diversity, ensuring enrolment of children from different social and economic backgrounds with variations in physical, psychological and intellectual characteristics in the education process. In this context, disadvantages in education arising due to inequalities of gender, caste, language, culture, religion or disabilities need to be addressed. Research related to education of the disadvantaged groups, inclusive education, gender equity, education of rural children and functioning of rural schools becomes significant in this background. Vocational education and environment education are two emerging concerns that require attention from sociological, psychological, economic and pedagogical point of view. Some other concerns in this context like psychosocial development of children, education for life skills, and education policies and practices related to school education will also receive priority.

3. Systemic Concerns

The curricular vision presented in NCF-2005 needs to be supported and sustained by systemic reforms. Important among these are the system for preparing teachers - both pre-service and in-service, system of producing textbooks and leaning materials and the

examination system. Integration of ICT in education as a pedagogic, administrative and monitoring tool and the related practices require extensive research for maximum efficiency within the boundaries of democracy, human dignity and freedom. Classroom processes and practices and management strategies are other useful areas of research in this context.

4. Pedagogic Practices and Learning Processes

Our current concern in curriculum development and reform is to make it an inclusive and meaningful experience for children. This requires a fundamental change concerning how we think of learners and the process of learning. Within the ambit of child centered pedagogy, research in areas like thinking and learning processes of children pedagogic approaches of training teachers, text-analysis and text-learning dynamics becomes crucial.

5. Any other Area as per NCF-2005 not Covered above

RULES FOR PUBLICATION GRANT

- 1) The application for publication grant for a research report/doctoral thesis will be submitted by the author on the prescribed proforma. Ordinarily, a research study/doctoral thesis which is older than five years is not accepted for grant. In case, the examiners/reviewers of the doctoral thesis have recommended revision, the author is to first revise the thesis as suggested by the examiners/reviewers and the revised version is to be submitted to the Council duly certified by the guide.
- 2) The application shall state the full title of the thesis, the name of the supervisor, the name of the university, year of award, certificate from the research guide regarding incorporation of modifications suggested in the evaluation reports, no objection certificate from the university for publishing the thesis/research report and financial assistance, if any, obtained from any other source. It should be accompanied by an abstract of the thesis in about 2,000 to 3,000 words covering the objectives, methodology and main findings of the thesis, name of examiners, copies of their reports if available and also how the thesis/research report is related to the research priorities of the ERIC.
- 3) The ERIC will, then, get the thesis evaluated by an expert and will inform the applicant whether the thesis is acceptable for publication grant or not. The decision of ERIC will be final.
- 4) The name of the evaluator is kept confidential. In case the evaluator recommends the publication of the thesis/work, publication grant as per rules will be approved. Regret letter will be sent in case the thesis/ work has not been found of requisite standard.
- 5) Publication grant for a work other than a Ph.D. thesis will be given to such researches which are helpful in providing solutions to educational problems and also in the formulation of policies and programmes. The conditions applicable to the above grants will be the same as for Ph.D. thesis.

- 6) Other things being equal, the report/ Ph.D. thesis written only in English/Hindi language or translated from other language to English/Hindi are considered for the Grant-in-Aid basically for the wider dissemination and use.
- 7) An Institution or individual scholar who has carried out the research project or have written a research monograph in the field of education and its cognate areas, and which is not financed earlier by any organization, may apply for a Grant-in-Aid to publish the study/volume.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR RELEASE OF GRANT

- 1) The grant is admissible only if the doctorate degree is in the priority areas of Teacher Education or School Education and it has been awarded within a period of 5 years from the date of application.
- 2) The total amount of Grant-in-Aid is Rs.20,000. The first instalment amounting to fifty percent of the estimated expenditure not exceeding Rs. 10,000/-, will be released after the terms and conditions of the grant have been accepted by the applicant and the approval of ERIC is communicated to the applicant. The remaining grant of Rs. 10,000/-, would be released after the receipt of eight complimentary copies and printers, bills in detail.
- 3) The thesis/Research report will be published within one year by the applicant from the date of the sanction of grant failing which the grant will stand lapsed and the applicant will refund the portion of grant already paid to him for the purpose along with penal interest thereon.
- 4) Eight complimentary copies of the published material will be supplied by the applicant to the ERIC for record and reference and placement in the RIEs, NCERT Library.
- 5) Copyright of the publication will rest with the author.
- 6) Application for the grant will be submitted on the ERIC prescribed proforma.
- 7) The author will submit the agreement in original, finalized between the publisher and the author/institution to the Department of Educational Research (DER) of the NCERT.
- 8) The following guidelines of ERIC will be followed by the Publisher in the publication of the said thesis/ research work. These have to be reflected in the application for publication Grant.
 - a) The publication selected under the scheme should be either in demy octavo or royal octavo size.
 - b) 10pt. type may be used for the text and 8/9pt. type should be used for footnotes and references.
 - c) DTP process may be used for composing the manuscript.
 - d) One proof of the entire book may be shown to the author before releasing the print order of the publication. The author should see that all errors/mistakes are removed.

- e) Computer generated illustrations may be used as far as possible. The scholar can get this done with the help of DTP firm which is engaged for type-setting.
- f) Good quality of paper of 70 GSM with 70 per cent brightness may be used for printing the book.
- g) Due acknowledgement to the NCERT may be given in the box in the following manner in the inner cover or its back.

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- 9) The Ph.D. thesis/ research work will be published in minimum of 500 copies.
- 10) The author will reduce the price of the book. The price of the book shall not exceed five times the net investment made by the publisher. Net investment here means the actual cost of production minus the Grant-in-Aid received. The author shall submit to the ERIC, an estimated cost of production and the prices proposed to be fixed and obtain the prior approval of the ERIC. It shall be the duty of the author to write to the Head, DER (ERIC) in advance and obtain ERIC's approval regarding price proposed to be fixed.
- 11) The full amount of the Grant-in-Aid will be released to the author directly as soon as the author submits the accounts of the actual expenditure of production and eight copies of the book free of charge along with an utilization certificate on Grant-in-Aid bill.
- 12) In case eight complimentary copies are not received from the author, she /he will have to refund the amount paid to him for publication work. The author, will have to give an undertaking at the time of receiving the grants in the following form:

The Grantee shall be liable to refund the entire grant amount together with damages at the rate of 6per cent p.a. interest thereon for any violation of the term and conditions mentioned in the sanction order from the date of encashment of the cheque/ Bank draft for the amount sanctioned for the project.
- 13) The Council has its discretion to relax the date for the purpose of calculation of interest to provide for such interest to be charged from a subsequent date.

14) A specific mention should be made at a prominent place before the preface of the following point:

The responsibility for the facts stated, opinions expressed, or conclusions reached, is entirely that of the author and that the ERIC, DER, NCERT, accepts no responsibility for them.

15) The work should be published within one year from the date of sanction, failing which the offer for Grant-in-Aid will automatically lapse unless the period is extended by ERIC upon specific request.

16) An abstract of the thesis running between 2,000 to 3,000 words may be made available to ERIC for consideration of the journals being published by the NCERT.

17) The application of publication grant on the prescribed proforma should be submitted to the-

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APPLICATION FORM

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- 2) Mailing Address (with PIN CODE) : _____

- 3) Title of the Doctoral thesis/ research study : _____
- 4) Year of Award : _____
- 5) Name of the University : _____
- 6) Name of the Supervisor : _____
- 7) Is Attested copy of Ph. D. degree attached? (Pl. tick) : Yes () No ()
- 8) Name of the External Examiner(s) : _____

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- 9) Documents attached (please tick)
- (i) Copies of the evaluation report (s) attached ()
- (ii) A certificate from the research guide that modification suggested in the evaluation reports has been incorporated in the thesis.

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- (iii) No Objection Certificate from University for publishing the Thesis/ Research Report attached ()

- (iv) Estimated Expenditure for Publication
(details to be appended) attached ()
- (v) A copy of the Ph.D. thesis/project report
attached ()
- (vi) Total number of documents (including Ph.D. thesis/ project report) attached

NOTE: Please ensure to attach all the above documents without which no further action can be initiated by the ERIC.

- 10. (a) Whether financial assistance has been sought for publication of thesis from any other sources?
Yes () No ()
- (b) If yes, details thereof :

Certified that I have read and understood the rules for Publication Grant and shall abide by them.

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