

Norms for award of IUCIPRS Minor Research Project in the area of IPR for Teachers in Kerala

1. The Inter University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights Studies (IUCIPRS) at CUSAT may notify Minor Research Project in the area of IPR every year for Teachers in Universities/Government/Aided Colleges in Kerala. The Scholarship shall be known as **IUCIPRS Minor Research Project**.
2. **Eligibility:**
 - a. Applicants shall be a full time teacher in any University/Government/Aided College in Kerala.
 - b. Shall be a teacher for a minimum of three years.
3. **Duration of Project:** Maximum of twelve months from the date of release of the research grant from IUCIPRS.
4. **Project Funding:** Funding available for a year is a minimum of Rupees 5,00,000 which may be increased from time to time depending on the availability of funds. The maximum amount that may be released for one Minor Research Project shall not exceed Rupees 1,00,000.
5. **Details of application and research proposal:** Application must be in the prescribed form along with detailed research proposal. The research proposal shall include the area of research in IPR, research problem, research questions, methodology, duration of the project, possible outcome, social utility of the research, the details of the expenditure, name of the Principal Investigator and others involved in the project etc.
6. **Procedure for selection:** A Committee consisting of three experts nominated by the Vice-Chancellor along with the Director of IUCIPRS shall scrutinize the application along with the research proposal and may recommend for the release of grant. The selection for Minor research project is based on the quality of the research proposal.
7. **Notification for Project:** The notification for the fellowship shall be posted in the website of IUCIPRS in the beginning of the Financial year. The last date for application is two months after the notification.

8. Terms and Conditions of award of Project:

- a. The Project is awarded in the name of the Head of the Institution where the applicant is working and the teacher shall execute a bond with IUCIPRS before release of the grant.
 - b. 75% of the total research grant shall be released by IUCIPRS after executing the bond by the teacher concerned. The cheque shall be in the name of the Head of the Institution. The Institution shall maintain a separate account.
 - c. Shall submit the report of the research at the end of the project.
 - d. Shall submit an audited Utilization Certificate along with the statement of expenditure auditing the account by a Chartered Accountant on completion of the project. The balance of 25% of the grant shall be released only on the receipt of the audited UC.
 - e. Shall publish the research report acknowledging the receipt of the funding from IUCIPRS.
9. The above norms may be suitably amended by way of deletion/addition by the Executive Committee of IUCIPRS.