

GBP`S
TALENT SEARCH CONTEST ON
INNOVATIVE RESEARCH IDEAS LEADING
TO ENTREPRENEURIAL VENTURE IN
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND ALLIED AREAS



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1. PREAMBLE

Guwahati Biotech Park (GBP) is a visionary initiative of Government of Assam to promote business in biotechnology and allied areas through entrepreneurship development. GBP has been established with an objective to accelerate the R & D activities and product development in biotechnology and allied areas and to facilitate faster penetration of biotech industry to the North Eastern Region.

As a first endeavor of the Park's activities an Incubation Centre namely Guwahati Biotech Park Incubation Centre (GBPIC) has been established. GBPIC is offering ready-to-use modular laboratories equipped with modern laboratory work stations and other utilities for leasing out to startup entrepreneurs/companies interested in pursuing their R&D activities in biotechnology and related areas where they can translate their research ideas into commercialisable technologies as well as for up-gradation of existing technologies without risking huge investments in terms of infrastructure and equipments.

Apart from modular laboratories, GBPIC is offering instrument/equipment support required for R&D activities through specialized facilities having modern & sophisticated equipments. The facilities are: Central Analytical Instrumentation Facility, Bioprospecting Facility, Micropropagation Facility, Herbal Extraction Facility, Fermentation Facility and Bioinformatics Facility. These instrument services is available on pay and use basis.

Presently the centre is having a number of modular laboratories of different sizes ranging from 300 sft to 1000 sft for leasing out to the entrepreneurs. Currently around 95 different types of high end as well as common equipments are available at GBPIC and many other will be added soon. All these facilities are available to entrepreneurs/researchers/students on pay and use basis.

2. ABOUT THE CONTEST

The growth of Biotechnology industry in Assam is in its nascent stage. GBP is committed to play the role of a catalyst and facilitator for entrepreneurship development in biotechnology and related areas and to catalyze the growth of Biotechnology Industry in North Eastern states through proper and effective utilization of the huge bioresources of this region.

To accelerate the R & D activity and ignite the young minds to cultivate entrepreneurial ideas in biotechnology and allied fields GBP is organizing a *'Talent Search Contest on Innovative Research Ideas Leading To Entrepreneurial Venture In Biotechnology and Allied Areas.'* This will encourage the innovative potential of students/researchers and open up the new vistas of industrialization throughout the NE Region in the long run.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Graduate/ Post Graduate/PhD Scholars/ Post doctoral fellow and any professionals experienced in Biotechnology and allied areas can participate in this contest. Participants must submit a scanned copy of the photo ID card of their College/University/Institute/organization currently associated and a NOC from Supervisor/ Head of the Institute/Organization. A recently graduated fellow, who is currently not associated with any organization and interested to participate in this contest, can submit a document and a self-declaration on his/her current position.

4. HOW TO APPLY

Participants can submit their Project Proposal/ Research ideas in the prescribed format (**Annexure I**). This may be sent to the GBP via email: bioedp@guwahatibiotechpark.com or via post to reach The Chief Executive Officer, Guwahati Biotech Park, Technology Complex, IIT Guwahati, Assam, Pin-781039, India. Proposal received after the stipulated time will not be entertained. All the

details of the contest, any updates and the list of selected participants can be seen in the website of GBP *i.e.* [www.guwahatibiotechpark.com/News and Events](http://www.guwahatibiotechpark.com/News%20and%20Events).

5. RECOGNITION AND AWARD

Thirty (30) numbers of participants out of the total participants will be selected by a Screening Committee based on the novelty, feasibility, commercial viability, competitive advantage over existing technologies and user friendliness of the research concept. The selected participants will be invited to join the Award for innovative Research Program to be organized by Guwahati Biotech Park and all the participants will be awarded for their outstanding innovative concepts with Certificates and Mementos.

Selected participants will also have the following advantageous opportunities.

- i. All the selected participants will present their concepts before a Screening Committee.
- ii. Best five (5) participants offering most outstanding innovative concepts will be offered laboratory space at GBPIC to start R & D works on the selected concept with a nominal lease rent of Rs. 5.00 (Five Rupees only) per sq.ft. per month for a limited period of 6 months which may further extend upto 3 years as per the terms and conditions of GBP.
- iii. If any of the best five (5) participants are not intended to start an entrepreneurial venture in GBP there will be an optional Award of Cash Prizes. The 1st Award - Rs. 30,000/-, 2nd Award - Rs. 25,000/-, 3rd Award - Rs. 20,000/-, 4th Award - Rs. 15,000/- and 5th -Award - Rs. 10,000/-.
- iv. Industry professionals, Investment bankers, Angel Investors and academicians will be invited by GBP to join the Award for innovative Research Program to explore opportunities for investment for these innovative research ideas and participants could directly interact with the experts from the above mentioned fields.
- v. Participants can visit the instrumentation facilities and could have the exposure to the sophisticated instruments available at GBPIC.

- vi. Participation in the event will enhance the CV, Develop and improve transferable skills such as networking with academicians, industry professionals, will Increase commercial awareness and technology transfer knowledge, communication and time-management.

6. LOGISTICS

GBP will organize the Award for innovative Research Program at Guwahati for presentation of the shortlisted proposals. The selected participants will be intimated to present their Innovative Ideas before the Selection Committee in this program. All the selected participants will be reimbursed the travelling conveyances as per the following norms: a). Participants travelling within Guwahati -- Rs.2,000/-; b). Upto 500km -- Rs.3,000/- c). Upto 700km -- Rs. 5,000/-; d). Upto 1,500km -- Rs. 10,000/- e). Upto 2,000km or more -- Rs. 15,000/- subject to submission of supporting documents against the claim.

7. IMPORTANT DATES

Announcement of the Contest	:	Will be announced soon
Last date for submission	:	January 19, 2018 (Friday)
Announcement of shortlisted participants	:	January 31, 2018 (Wednesday)
Award for innovative Research Program	:	Will be notified in GBP website

8. DISCLAIMER

Competent Authority of GBP reserves the right to reject any or all the applications without assigning reason(s) thereof. GBP will not be responsible for any IPR issues arising thereof for the research ideas submitted for the contest.

9. ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION

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10. SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Talent Search Contest on Innovative Research Ideas offers several sponsorship packages. As a sponsor, one can increase the exposure, network with the business community, and can promote the brand of a company to the entrepreneurs, Students/Researchers, academicians and industry professionals and also to other guests of the program.

11. ANNEXURE I

A. Project Proposal /Research Ideas (within 2500 words)

- I. Title of the Project proposal/Research Idea
- II. Concept Note (in 400 words)
- III. Feasibility of the idea
- IV. Product Development/Output of the Research Idea and its Application
- V. Commercial Viability
- VI. Market Potential of the product to be developed or competitive advantage over existing technologies

B. Information about the applicant

Name/Address for communication/Mobile number/email address/Date of Birth/Age/Sex/Educational Qualification/Present occupation

C. No Objection Certificate from the Head of the Department/Supervisor in the prescribe format (Annexure II)

12. ANNEXURE II

No Objection Certificate

This is to certify that Mr/Mrs/Dris a Post Graduate/PhD Student/ Research Associate/ Post doctoral fellow of thissinceThis organization has no objection in participation of Mr/Mrs/Dr..... in the GBP's 'Talent Search Contest on Innovative Research Ideas Leading To Entrepreneurial Venture In Biotechnology and allied areas' with the Research Idea entitled ""

Signature:

Place

Name & Designation of

Date

Head of Department/Supervisor