



CENTRE FOR VEDA -SCIENCE RESEARCH (CVSR) GUIDELINES FOR SANCTIONING THE RESEARCH PROJECTS ON VEDA SCIENCE UNDER CVSR

SECTION – I – INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

S.V. Vedic University initiated steps to take over the Veda Science Research projects by Establishing Centre called **CENTER FOR VEDA SCIENCE RESEARCH, {CVSR}** so as to work towards achieving the goals set out in the objective clause of Act No.29/2006, the objectives u/s 4 of the Act include:

- To conduct research and propagate the relevance of knowledge system and the wisdom contained in the Vedic Literature for meeting the challenges of life in the technology driven contemporary society.
- To bring out the profoundness of the rational approach and the scientific temper, presented in the Vedas in the context of pursuit of knowledge and realization of higher levels of consciousness.
- To consolidate, revive and promote the Vedic learning and Sanskrit study so as to integrate the scientific thought contained in the Vedas particularly in the disciplines of mathematics, astronomy, agriculture, meteorology, chemistry, metallurgy, yoga, humanities, social sciences and management with the modern scientific and technological studies, so that through integration of Vedic and Scientific concepts, advancement of scientific knowledge can be facilitated.
- To bring out awareness about the authentic interpretation of the Vedas in India and abroad, facilitation proper understanding of richness of the rational

approach to life and scientific temper presented in the Vedic knowledge system.

SECTION – II – NOTIFICATION WITH RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

A Copy of Notification along with the guidelines to sanction the research projects on Veda – Science shall be placed in the University Website. The Principle Investigators shall submit the research project proposals in the prescribed application format, along with the Undertaking Letters, No Objection Certificate endorsed by the Head of the Organization/Institution /Agency/ Trust, and other any relevant documents mentioned in the guidelines for sanctioning the research projects under CVSR.

The Co-ordinator of CVSR shall take steps to place the notification along with relevant documents with the approval of the authorities yearly twice {March & September} to invite research proposals. Further the information shall be given through scroll item in the SVBC, TTD; Paper Notification in brief shall be given in Regional & National level papers in Telugu, English, and Hindi Languages.

A Copy of the Notification along with relevant documents shall be circulated in the month of March & September to Invite the Research Project Proposal on Veda – Science from the interested Regular Faculty members and the interested Research Scholars pursuing regular Ph.D Course with the theme of bringing the Scientific Aspects. The Regular Faculty members/ Research Scholars shall submit the research proposals along with relevant documents as circulated by the CVSR through proper channel.

SECTION – III – ELIGIBILITY, TERMS& CONDITIONS

1. In Service, State/Central Govt Employees of the institutions and the employees established under the state/central act, autonomous bodies/Agency/Trust/ Organizations shall apply with the prior permission of the Head of the concerned.

2. Regular Faculty members of S.V.Vedic University & Research Scholars pursuing regular Ph.D course in S.V.Vedic University shall submit the proposal through proper channel in the prescribed format circulated by the CVSR along with the relevant documents.
3. The proposer applied through an Agency/ company/firm/ Charitable Trusts shall submit the Establishment details along with the last three years balance sheets stating the financial status.
4. The Principle Investigator shall submit the research proposal filled in prescribed application form along with the Undertaking Letter, No Objection Certificate etc as placed in the University Website and the proposals received through proper channel only will be accepted. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
5. Institute/Agency/Organizations/Trusts/University shall be bound to all the terms & conditions etc, as mentioned in the Guidelines of CVSR, S.V. Vedic University to sanction the Research Projects.
6. Approval of the research proposal and the grant being released is for the specific project and should be exclusively sanctioned for the project related activities, within the stipulated time only.
7. A letter of acceptance should be submitted by the Principal Investigator (PI) after receiving the project sanction order from S.V. Vedic University. The PI has to submit the acknowledgement receipt for the released grant.
8. The host Organization/Institution /Agency/Trust/University shall maintain a separate account for the project. The interest accrued, if any along with any other receipt through the project proceeds should be brought to the notice of the Centre for Vedas Science Research (CVSR), while submitting the Statement of Expenditure/Utilisation Certificate and so as to be adjusted towards subsequent instalments to be released.
9. The host Organization/Institution /Agency/Trust/University shall provide infrastructural facilities such as accommodation, space, water, electricity, communication etc. that are essential for smooth implementation of the project.

The grant shall not be utilized for construction of any building unless specific provision is made for that purpose.

10. The host Organization/Institution /Agency/Trust/University/PI shall ensure that the fund released towards the project is used exclusively and appropriately in support of the research project for which it has been sanctioned.
11. Any expenditure incurred prior to the issue of the financial sanction/ approval order and after the expiry of the sanctioned duration of the project will not be admissible.
12. The host Organization/Institution /Agency/Trust/University/PI is expected to settle the accounts within (one) 1month from the date of completion of the project.
13. Any un-spent balance amount, must be surrendered to the CVSR through a crossed Cheque/Demand Draft payable at Tirupati drawn in favour of “The Registrar, Sri Venkateswara Vedic University” after the duration of the project .
14. For permanent, semi-permanent assets acquired solely or mainly out of the non-recurring grants, an audited record in the form of a register in the prescribed format shall be maintained by the Institute. The term “Assets” includes (a) the immovable property acquired out of the grant; and (b) movable property as mentioned in the sanction order. The Institute is required to send it to the CVSR the list of assets acquired from the grant.
15. All the assets acquired from the grants can be considered as the Institutional Inventory funded by the CVSR but it should not be disposed of or encumbered without the prior sanction of CVSR. However, the CVSR has the discretion to allow other Investigators from the same Institute to utilise the assets for projects sanctioned by the CVSR or advice the Institute to transfer them to any other Institute if it is considered appropriate or may ask to hand over to the same to the CVSR immediately after completion of the project.

16. The Principal Investigator (PI) shall furnish four copies of the Progress Report as mentioned in the tentative schedule (the tentative schedule is attached in Annexure – I) in time to time. In addition to this, the following information has to be furnished.

- i. Appointment of manpower, their date of appointment & qualifications are the discretion of CVSR.
- ii. Status regarding procurement of equipment sanctioned under the project etc.
- iii. The Principle investigator (PI) has to prepare the worksheet of entire project of research work to complete the project in time and submit the report as mention in the schedule without expecting any further communication from the CVSR.

17. In addition, the CVSR may designate Scientist/Specialist or an Expert Panel periodically to review the progress of the work being carried out and to suggest suitable measures to the objectives of the project.

18. At the end of each Financial Year (FY) and at the time of seeking further instalment of grant, the PI has to furnish the following documents strictly as per CVSR formats:

- i. Two copies of Utilization Certificate (UC) and up to date Statement of Expenditure (SE) including expenditure for the previous financial year (in original)
- ii. Technical Progress Report as mentioned above in Section – III, No 16, if not sent earlier.
- iii. List of equipments under non-recurring grant acquired till that Financial Year.

19. The PI is expected to attend Monitoring Meetings/Workshop to present the progress/outcome of the research project, as and when organised.

20. The host Organization/Institution /Agency/Trust/University will not entrust the implementation of the work to another institution nor will it divert the grant to other institute as assistance.
21. In case the Organization/Institution /Agency/Trust/University/PI is not in a position to implement or complete the project, it should refund the entire grant received by it, along with interest accrued, if any, to CVSR.
22. All the personnel including Research personnel appointed under the project, for full/ part time duration of the project, are to be treated as temporary. They are not to be treated as employees of the CVSR or Vedic University nor permanent employees of the Institute and the CVSR will have no liability, whatsoever, to the project staff after completion of the project.
23. For the implementation of the research project, the PI can take the assistance of the Institute in the process of selection and appointment of sanctioned research personnel/staff and payment to them.
24. CVSR reserves the right to terminate the project at any stage, if it is convinced that appropriate progress is not being made or the grant has not been properly utilized without any reasons, prior notice.
25. The project becomes operative within 30 days from the date on which the Draft/Cheque/Electronic Transfer is received by the implementing Institution. If the project is not initiated within this stipulated period, the implementing institute is bound to return back the full amount with interest, if any, to CVSR.
26. (A) If the PI wishes to leave the Institution, the Institute/ PI will inform the same to CVSR immediately and will ensure that the Co-PI, if any is appointed in consultation with the CVSR who can take over the responsibility of project. This consultation with CVSR needs to be done before relieving the PI.

(B) In case where the PI leaves the institution and wants to continue the project in the new institution, the CVSR can allow the transfer of the project along with

balance grant and the assets to the new institute provided that the notice has been given in advance, the administrative authority of both the institutes agrees in writing.

(C) If the PI wishes to terminate the project being implemented/leave the institute without seeking transfer of the project to another institute, he/she shall inform the CVSR through the Institute authorities immediately. The implementing institute should not incur any expenditure from the date of termination of the project or the date of resignation of PI. The institute will also arrange for providing the documents required by the CVSR.

27. The PI has to seek the consent of CVSR if he/she intends to stay away from the institute (Except for field work related to the sanctioned project) for a period more than four weeks continuously.

28. The Regular faculty member of S.V.Vedic University or Research Scholar pursuing regular Ph.d course in S.V.Vedic University shall submit the project proposals to CVSR through proper channel. The necessary approvals for the utilization of the project grant under various sub-heads have to be obtained from the Registrar, S.V. Vedic University. Under any circumstances the advance amount shall not be paid to the PI. The expenditure incurred has to be claimed from the Registrar, S.V. Vedic University. The University will provide Infrastructure, equipment and other all kind of required support to the PI to encourage in such research, provided, however the remaining procedure will be followed in common from the report of Preliminary committee to completion of the project.

29. The CVSR will not award any degree. However to encourage scholars to take up the research on Veda – Science theme the university will support by providing required assistance etc through the CVSR.

30. Investigators are encouraged to publish technical/ scientific papers based on the research work done under the project in journals of high repute. They should formally acknowledge the assistance received from CVSR.
31. The PI also has the responsibility of informing the CVSR about any papers published from the project implementation even after the completion of the project tenure. A soft copy of the technical paper published should be sent to the CVSR.
32. If the results of research are to be legally protected, the results should not be published without action being taken to secure legal protection for the research results.
33. The projects identified by the CVSR that have potential for generating know-how in the form of product/ process/ design etc, through patents, copyrights etc. The proposer covenants to comply strictly with all laws, in respect to the copyrights prescribed in copyright act - 2012, govt of India and for patent, design, trademark in accordance shall follow the ministry of commerce & industry. Further any other royalty etc shall applicable as per the Department of Science & Technology (DST).
34. The CVSR may publish the project report in the form of book or in the form of CD s etc duly acknowledging the Principal Investigator, and concerned supporting Organisation/Institution/ Agency/Trust/University where the research has been carried out.
35. The project will be sanctioned by the S.V. Vedic University based on the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.
36. The University reserves the right to withdraw the sanctioned scheme at any stage, without assigning any reasons and without any prior notice.

SECTION – IV – RESEARCH AREAS

Tentatively, the following areas are identified to invite the proposal to bring out the scientific aspects hidden in the Vedas & allied texts. The term Veda & Allied

text means, Vedas, Upa Vedas, Vedangas, Vedabhashyas, Darshans, Agamas, Srouta, Smarta, Puranas & Itihasas, Sanskrit Literature etc.

The tentative Areas suggested are –

1. Cosmology
2. Space Science
3. Vedic Mathematics
4. Geography
5. Aeronautics
6. Yagna System
7. Earth Science
8. Metallurgy
9. Biological Science
10. Ayurveda & Yoga
11. Environmental Science
12. Humanities
13. Moral Values
14. Vedic Management
15. Health Management
16. Physics
17. Astronomy
18. Astro-Physics.
19. Hydrology
20. Zoology
21. NLP
22. Ecology
23. Meteorology
24. Other subjects relevant to Veda Science research.

Medium of the project shall be invariably in English with supported text from Veda /allied subject.

SECTION – V – DURATION OF THE PROJECT & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. The Duration of the project and financial assistance shall be in general maximum limit of two year only .No further extension shall be allowed. However, the PI may submit the completed project before the maximum period also in such case quality in research must maintained .
2. The total budget may be divided into Installments and The Finance Officer shall release the First Installment Grant from the total approved budget according to the immediate requirement to start the project work especially to set up equipment, practical lab etc for the project purpose .
3. Further grant shall be released from the finance section in a phase manner after receiving the satisfactory progress report by the Sub Committee on the progress of work submitted by the Principal Investigator forwarded by the Centre. The centre has to submit the Sub Committee recommendations to the finance section to take further necessary action to release the grant.
4. 10% of fund will be retained with CVSR and shall be released only after submission of Final Report of the Project along with statement of expenditure and utilization certificate for released grant.

SECTION – VI – PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE

The Preliminary Committee members shall verify/screen the research proposals received,

Duties of the Preliminary Committee

1. To check, the documents as per the University Notification.
2. The committee can suggest any modification/ revision/resubmission after examine on finance budget estimate/ duration/Deficit of content of Veda, allied texts reference in the proposal etc,

3. Preliminary Screening Committee has to furnish its recommendations for detailed scrutiny report to the Sub Committee.

SECTION – VII – SUB COMMITTEE TO SCRUTINIZE AND EVALUATE THE PROPOSALS AND TO RECOMMEND FOR SANCTIONING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. The recommendation of preliminary screening committee shall be placed before the Sub Committee by the Coordinator, CVSR for detailed Scrutiny & Evaluation by the sub-committee of the university.
2. The Sub-Committee consists of the following members as approved by the Executive Council, Item No 20.7 dated 12.07.2015. The Sub-Committee shall scrutinize and evaluate the proposals.
3. The Coordinator, CVSR shall convey the Sub-Committee Meeting with the approval of the authorities duly obtaining the nomination of eminent scholars as subject Experts, from the Vice-Chancellor of the University, for proposed research subject.
4. The Coordinator need to prepare the panel of eminent traditional / modern scholars in concerned field, basing on the proposals received and to submit the same to the authorities for the nomination and to invite as subject expert.
5. The Principal Investigator has to be informed to present the proposal before the sub-committee to take a decision.

DUTIES OF SUB-COMMITTEE

1. The sub-committee shall evaluate the proposals in detail, in all directions duly keeping in view the usefulness of the research project for the future generations, Etc.
2. The recommendation shall be made in a separate format, prepared with fixing certain criteria in accordance with the expectations and objectives of the scheme introduced by the university.

3. Sanction may be recommended only to those proposals which are relevant to Vedic text & scientific thoughts.
4. The Principal Investigator has to be communicated and informed to present the proposal before the sub-committee to take a decision. (In case the proposed subject expert is unable to attend the sub-committee meeting on scheduled date, with the permission of the chairman of the committee the co-ordinator shall obtain the remark through mail, etc, to avoid delay in further process)
5. The Project shall be sanctioned basing on the recommendations of the Sub - Committee.
6. Only those project proposals recommended by the Sub Committee shall be submitted to place before the Finance Committee for the Budget Approval and for the approval of Executive Council.
7. After final Approval of the Executive Council, the Information shall be communicated to the concerned Principal Investigator/as well as the Head of the institution. To open a separate bank account exclusively for the project purpose, jointly operated by the Principal Investigator & the concerned competent authority of the Institution.

SUB –COMMITTEE REVIEW MEETING

1. Sub –Committee Review meeting shall be conducted as indicated in project sanction schedule, to monitor, and to know the progress of the sanctioned projects. The principal Investigator has to attend before the committee along with the progress report.
2. The committee shall recommend for releasing the Next Installment Grant, if the Progress of research work has been found satisfactory.

SECTION –VIII –PRE-SUBMISSION OF THE PROJECT

The Principal Investigator before submission of final research work has to attend the Pre-Submission seminar to present the completed Research work before the Sub-Committee, in which the subject experts are also members. Accordingly, further

corrections/ editions if any shall be carried out while submitting the Final research work.

SECTION –IX – FINAL SUBMISSION

1. The following documents are to be submitted to the CVSR, after the project duration along with the DD/Cheque for the unspent grant, if any
 - i. If the project content is theoretical, four (4) copies of Project Completion Report with publication list, patents filed/likely to be filed, Doctorates from project and other manpower trained along with one softcopy of the Project Completion Report including an Executive Summary.
 - ii. If the project related to Product/Process/Practical aspect then in addition to the above a detail demo, operating manual & Sample etc shall be submitted.
 - iii. List of assets acquired through non-recurring grants.
 - iv. Utilization Certificate and Statement of Expenditure financial year-wise from the date of commencement to the date of completion. (The formats of UC & Statement of expenditure are attached in Annexure - I)
 - v. The university shall have all rights over the product/result of the project. The PI shall submit an undertaking to that effect in the format prescribed.(A copy right form is attached in Annexure - II)
2. The co-ordinator shall acknowledge for the submitted documents.

SECTION –X – EVALUATION OF FINAL PROJECT

1. The Final project Copies/Product/ samples shall be sent for Evaluation to the three external Subject Experts nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of the University with a request to furnish the report within 20 days from the date of receiving the copies. The Evaluator may be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from the list of panel, basing on the content of the project, who is having either

Traditional knowledge with scientific background or scientific knowledge with traditional background.

2. The project completion certificate may be issued from the Registrar of the University, basing on the positive report from any two out of three Evaluators only after receiving of other documents as indicated above in **SECTION –IX– 1**, If not submitted earlier including Audited report by the Chartered accountant for released total grant.
3. In case the Evaluator desires any clarification on the project issues, the CVSR shall arrange an Interaction session informing the same to the principal investigator to attend and to clarify.

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE (TWO COPIES)

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR _____ (ENDING 31st MARCH)

1. Title of the Project/ Scheme:
2. Name of the Institution:
3. Principal Investigator:
4. CVSR letter no. & date sanctioning the project:
5. Head of account as given in the original sanction letter
6. Amount brought forward from the previous

Financial year quoting CVSR

i. Amount:

Letter No. and date in which the authority to carry forward the said amount was given

ii Letter No:

iii Date:

7. Amount received during the financial year

i Amount:

(Please give CVSR letter/order No and date

ii Letter/Order no:

8. Total amount that was available for expenditure (excluding commitments) during the financial year (S.No. 6 + 7)

9. Actual expenditure (excluding commitments) incurred during the Financial Year (Up to 31st March)

10. Balance amount available at the end of the Financial Year

11. Unspent balance refunded if any (Please give details of cheque No. etc.)

12. Amount to be carried forward to next financial year (if applicable)

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

Certified that out of Rs. _____ of grants-in-aid sanctioned during the Financial Year _____ in favour of _____. Under the Center for Veda Science Research (CVSR) Letter/order No. _____ dated _____ and Rs. _____ on account of unspent balance of previous year, a sum of Rs. _____ has been utilized for the purpose of _____ entitled _____ for which it was sanctioned and that the balance of Rs. _____ remaining unutilized at the end of the year has been surrendered to Government (vide challan No. _____ Dated _____ drawn on _____) will be adjusted towards the grants-in-aid payable during the next year i.e. _____ to _____.

Signature of Accountant

Signature of the PI

Signature of the

Head of the Institution

Chartered Accountant with Seal

Date -

Place : -

Statement of Expenditure

(To be submitted financial year wise up to 31st March of that financial year

till _____ + 1 year and so on)

Sl · No	Sanctioned Heads	Funds Allocated (indicated sanctioned or revised)	Expenditure incurred			Total Expenditure IV+V+ VI	Balance as on (date) III- (IV+V+ VI)	Requirements of funds up to 31st March next year	Remarks (if any)
			1 st year DOS to 31 st March next year)	2 nd year DOS to 31 st March next year)	3 rd year & so on DOS to 31 st March next year)				
	(II)	(III)	(IV)	(V)	(VI)	(VII)	(VII)		
1	Manpower costs								
2	Consumables								
3	Travel								
4	Contingencies								
5	Others if any								
6	Equipment								
7	Total Interest accrued								
8	Total								

Signature of Accountant

Signature of the PI

Signature of the

Head of the Institution

Chartered Accountant with Seal

Date -

Place -



(Annexure -II)

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Contact No: - E-Mail:

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Title of the Project

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By signing this document, I/We declare that to transfer all the rights of any and all products/results of the project, including the tangible and intellectual products, of the research project to CVSR, S.V.Vedic University. Further I covenant to comply the rules as mentioned in section – III, No.33 in the Guidelines for sanctioning the project.

Signature of the PI

Place :-

Date :-