SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR PROJECTS IN NEWGEN IEDC, IIT GUWAHATI

[1]   Based on the request by the Coordinator, NewGen IEDC-IITG, Call for project proposals will be invited by R&D section. Date will be decided based on the input of fund from DST. Advertisement will be available in both R&D section and ME Dept. website. Coordinators will send mail to all HoDs, Faculty members and students of the institute to submit the proposal.

[2]   The application form will be available in the institute website and ME Dept. website. Students who are really interested in entrepreneurship and developing startups will apply in discussion with faculty mentors from all the departments and centers.

[3]   A preliminary shortlisting will be carried out by the coordinators to check whether the proposal can be considered under NewGen IEDC or not. All shortlisted proposals will be blind reviewed by 2 independent reviewers in the field. Feedback will be sent to the proposer to do necessary modification and resubmit the proposal. An institute level committee consisting of the HODs of the concerned Departments or their nominee will be made as 'expert panel' to evaluate the proposals from students. The student applicants will present his proposal (20 minutes) before the expert panel. Based on the evaluation, the projects will be ranked under two categories – 'accepted projects' for funding from NewGen IEDC and 'wait listed projects'.

[4]   Each project is for ONE year and no extension will be granted. Hence, projects having clear-cut deliverables and motive for entrepreneurship/startups will be funded.

[5]   It may be noted that 10, 15, 20, 20, 20 are the number of projects acceptable for funding in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th years, respectively. Efforts will be made to get participants from all the Departments and centers. Good proposals irrespective of Department/center will be funded.

[6]   All the "accepted projects" for funding from NewGen IEDC will be recommended to NewGen IEDC 'advisory board' for approval, and later will be funded. Note that the 'advisory board' is different from 'expert panel' evaluating the projects.

[7]   For any reason, a project in the 'accepted project' category is withdrawn, projects in the 'wait listed category' will be considered for funding.

[8]   YEAR 1 (2019-2020): It was expected to include 10 project proposals during initial submission of NewGen IEDC application in February 2018. Due to lack of time and unsure about the grant of center, 10 projects were selected from Mechanical Engineering department (refer enclosure 1). Finally, 10 projects were presented in a project proposal meeting held at EDII, Ahmedabad in June 2018, which were accepted for funding in the first year (2019-2020).

[9]   YEARS 2 TO 5 (2020-2024): From second year onwards, NewGen IEDC will be opened to all the departments and centers. The selection procedure indicated in points [1] to [7] will be followed.