

PRANAB MUKHERJEE CHAIR

FOR

**“Sustainable Development, Research, Skill
Advancement and Education”**

at

ICFAI, Sikkim



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PREFACE


The Pranab Mukherjee Foundation has agreed upon setting up the "Pranab Mukherjee Chair for Sustainable Development, Research, Skill Advancement and Education" at The ICFAI University, Sikkim with the objective of promoting sustainable development, research and consultancy projects to strengthen democracy and promote peace, harmony and happiness in the North East region of India.

This initiative will support the creation and dissemination of knowledge, creativity and innovation to improve the quality of life in rural and semi-urban areas of Sikkim and North-East Region through skill development, research and education.

This booklet seeks to present the details including Application Form, Undertaking and Terms and Conditions for the Pranab Mukherjee Chair.

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SCHEME FOR PRANAB MUKHERJEE CHAIR

PREAMBLE

India has a long history of scholarship in a variety of disciplines. The ICFAI University will provide the right platform for invention and dissemination of knowledge. The imperatives of skills and excellence to meet the challenges at national and global levels in a highly dynamic context require integration of social, cultural, and scientific dimensions into our teaching, research programmes and skill development initiatives. The university system should facilitate insightful thinking on all issues connected with focus on knowledge generation and youth employability enhancement with an interdisciplinary perspective. In order to enrich the academic resources of the university system for a deeper reflection on critical issues, the ICFAI University has formulated the Scheme for Pranab Mukherjee Chair for the development of economic conditions in the region by providing support in interdisciplinary education, research and entrepreneurship development.

In this background, the Chair is being established to enable research in the areas of sustainable agriculture & rural development, ethics and governance, skill development, peace & conflict resolution, youth development & leadership, international cooperation, and science & technology expansion.

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PART A: CHAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)

(i) Composition

1. A Chair Advisory Committee shall be constituted to assist the Chairperson of the Pranab Mukherjee Chair in the selection as well as operation of the Chair.
2. The CAC shall consist of seven members to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor of The ICFAI University, Sikkim (IUS) and Managing Director, Pranab Mukherjee Foundation. Two members shall be from the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation, two from The ICFAI University Sikkim & three advisory professors or experts, with prominent academics.

(ii) Selection of Chair Members: 4 Members

- ✓ Shall be designated as Chair Members.
- ✓ To be nominated by the Vice Chancellor of The ICFAI University, Sikkim (IUS) and Managing Director of the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation.

(iii) Functions

The CAC may be required to perform the following functions:

- ✓ Identification of areas of innovative research which are locally relevant to North East region and study;
- ✓ Finalization of eligibility criteria of the Chair;
- ✓ Selection of the Chair Professor;
- ✓ Monitoring and appraisal of the performance of the Chair; and
- ✓ Any other matter that may be referred to the Committee by the Chairman from time to time.

(iv) Tenure

The tenure of the CAC shall be two years. VC, IUS may extend its tenure at his/her discretion. An existing member of the CAC, upon its re-constitution, may be re-nominated on the Advisory Committee.

(v) Admissibility of TA/DA to the Members of the Committee

Members of the Committee shall be paid TA/DA as per the rules applicable to IUS, as and when they may be required to travel in connection with the work of the Committee. Members shall also be paid Rs. 5000/- as a token honorarium for each meeting of the Committee.

PART B: PRANAB MUKHERJEE CHAIR

Selection of Chair Professor

- ✓ Shall be designated as Chair Professor
- ✓ Scale of pay Consolidated Rs. 1,00,000 per month.

(i) Eligibility

The Chair is open to eminent scholars, who have a proven record of scholarship and publications in the areas of entrepreneurship, innovation, incubation, education development, political system and institutions/education and their functioning, particularly in North-East India.

- (ii) **Qualification:** An academic/scholar of outstanding track record in the designated areas of study. Age: 45-60 years

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(iii) Duration

The Chair will be for a period of two years (extendable upto two years) from the date of the award of the Chair.

(iv) Responsibilities

- To engage in research and, in turn, contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the area of the study.
- To strengthen the role of universities/academics in public policy making.
- To design and execute short-term capacity-building programmes for teachers in higher education focused towards the designated discipline of the Chair.
- To provide a forum for inter-university/inter-collegiate Post-Graduate and Research level dialogues, discussion meetings, seminars, summer & winter schools.
- To publish articles/research papers/reports/books/ monographs.
- To participate in teaching and Ph.D programme of the Department or School in which it is located.

(v) Logistics support to the Chair:

The Chair should be located in one of the department of IUS and shall be provided with all the academic, administrative and logistic support extended to other Professors of the school/department.

(vi) Funding:

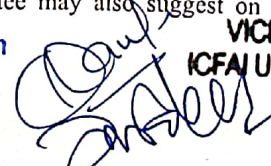
- i. 100% funding for the Chairs for two years extendable for further two years as per UGC Norms
- ii. Books & Journals: Rs. 1,50,000/- for two years and Rs. 30,000/- p.a. for 2 years, if extended.
- iii. Travel (Local & National): Rs. 100,000/- p.a.
- iv. University Assistance: Rs. 1,50,000/- p.a.
- v. Organization of workshop/conference/seminar/summer school: Rs. 5,00,000/- p.a.
- vi. Contingency (towards hiring assistance for fieldwork/ data collection & analysis/office expenses): Rs.3, 20,000/- p.a.

Any Other: The University will evolve a mechanism to review the progress of the Chair annually. The university will submit a report on the activities and the outcome of the Chair to the Foundation after two years. The Foundation may undertake the exercise of reviewing the Chair for its continuance, at any stage. The Chair will be required to publish research output in the form of a book. The Chair will be required to submit status of the research report at the end of the first year for the consideration of the CAC.

(vi) Mode of Selection

1. The advertisement inviting applications for the Chair Professor shall be published in reputed academic journals and national newspapers. The advertisement will also be placed on the website of Pranab Mukherjee Foundation and The ICFAI University, Sikkim.
2. The applicants will be required to send their particulars in the prescribed format (ANNEXURE-I) duly filled in, along with a synopsis of their research proposal.
3. The proposals received shall be considered by the CAC which shall recommend a panel of the names to the Vice Chancellor, IUS and Managing Director, PMF for grant of Chair. The Committee may also suggest on its own name(s) of eminent scholars for the Chair.

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4. The person selected, if already employed, may be required to produce a 'No Objection Certificate' from the institution for taking up the assignment.

(vii) Research Grant

The research grant for the Chair shall be Rs. 15 lakh for the entire period of two years. The schedule of release of the grant will be as follows:

- (a) 20% of the amount payable at the time of the initial appointment;
- (b) 30% of the amount after the submission of the first draft of the project report;
- (c) 30% of the amount after the submission of the final draft of the project report. The final draft shall be submitted not later than three months before the end of the tenure of the Chair; and the remaining amount shall be paid after approval of project report by the Chairman, ICFAI University and Director of Pranab Mukherjee Foundation.
- (d) Besides, Rs. 2 lakh shall be provided as contingency grant for the entire period of two years to be released in two instalments of Rs. 1 lakh per year.
- (e) The entire cost of the research project shall have to be met by the Chair out of Research and Contingency Grant mentioned above.

PART C: GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR CHAIR

(1) Guidelines for submission of proposals of research from Chair

While submitting the proposal, the format may broadly conform to the following order of points and guidelines:

- (i) *Title of the Project*
- (ii) *Statement of the Problem:* In the opening of the research proposal should showcase the problem to be investigated clearly and briefly. The consequence of the problem in the hypothetical context of the concerned regulation should be specified.
- (iii) *Overview of Literature:* Summarizing the present status of research in the area including major findings, the project proposal should clearly demonstrate the relevance or otherwise of the findings or approaches for the investigation of the problem at hand.
- (iv) *Conceptual Framework:* Given the problem and the theoretical perspective for investigation of the problem, the proposal should clearly indicate the concepts to be used and demonstrate their relevance for the study. It should further specify the empirical dimension, if any, that needs to be explored for investigating the problem.
- (v) *Research Questions or Hypotheses:* Given the conceptual framework and dimensions of the problem, specific questions to be answered and hypotheses to be tested through the proposed study should be explicitly formulated, compatible with the research design.
- (vi) *Coverage:* In the light of the questions raised or the hypotheses proposed to be tested, if the sampling becomes necessary, full information on the following points should be given:
 - (a) Universe of the Study;
 - (b) Sampling Frame; and
 - (c) Units of Observation and Sampling size.

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If the Study requires any control groups, they should be specifically mentioned. An explanation of the determination of size and type of the sample shall also be necessary. Proposals not requiring a sample selection should specify their strategy appropriately and describe the rationale.

(vii) *Methodology*: A suitable description of the methods of research for the study may be given.

(viii) *Data Collection*: The different types of data that are proposed to be gathered should be specifically mentioned. The sources for each type and the tools and techniques that will be used for collecting different types of data should be specified.

(ix) *Time Budgeting*: The project should be broken up in suitable stages and the time required for the completion of each stage of work should be specified.

(x) *Bibliography*.

(2) Undertaking for Chair

An applicant selected for the Chair will have to sign an Undertaking and Conditions attached thereto separately (ANNEXURE-II A/ANNEXURE-II B).

(3) Library Facility

The Chair shall be provided the facility to have access to University Library for research, study and consultation.

(4) Publication of the Research Report

ICFAI, Sikkim would ensure that the Chair gets the finally approved research report published through a reputed publisher. The copyright of the publication shall vest with the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation. All correspondence in this regard shall be addressed to the Chairman of the chair. The following text shall be prominently printed on the back of the inner title/cover page of the book:

"This research work was done under the auspices of the Pranab Mukherjee Chair supported by The ICFAI University, Sikkim, India. The responsibility for the facts given and opinions expressed rests entirely with the author."

(5) Decision of the Chairman

The decision of the Chairman will be final in all matters concerning the Chair.

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ANNEXURE - II A

UNDERTAKING FOR CHAIR

1. I hereby accept the Pranab Mukherjee Chair offered by the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation amounting to Rs. _____ (Rupees _____) to be disbursed in the prescribed manner on the subject entitled, " " and agree to fulfill all the requirements and conditions as contained in the *Appendix*. I will also abide by the existing rules as well as those likely to be framed in future.
2. I agree to refund the amount of all the expenditure incurred with stipulated interest in connection with the above project by the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation, if the work for which the grant has been awarded is either not properly carried out or is discontinued by me or the draft reports submitted by me are not upto the satisfaction of the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation.
3. I will not accept financial assistance from any other source for undertaking research on the same subject/project.
4. I agree that the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation has the right to suspend the award if I violate/modify/ignore any of the conditions attached to it.
5. I do agree that any recovery from me as provided under para 2 above may be effected either from me under the Public Debt Act, 1944 (as amended from time to time) at the discretion of the Pranab Mukherjee Chair.

Signature of the Chairperson

Signature of the Vice-Chairperson

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APPENDIX

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CHAIR

1. The completed research report shall be submitted to the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation within the stipulated time as mentioned in the Scheme.
2. Non-submission of reports at specified intervals may lead to suspension/cancellation of the grant without notice.
3. The Pranab Mukherjee Foundation has the right to terminate the award at any time, without prior intimation, if the progress is found to be unsatisfactory, for any reasons whatsoever, by the Advisory Committee.
4. No extension of time to complete the research project will be given beyond the stipulated period, except under exceptional circumstances, with the permission of the Chairman.
5. In the event of discontinuation of the project for the above-mentioned reasons or for any other reason whatsoever (including personal reasons) by the Chair Professor, he/she will be required to pay back to the Chair the amount already paid to him/her along with interest thereon @10% and shall also hand over all the data/ material collected in connection with the Chair.
6. After the completion of the study, a declaration to the effect that the project being basically the work of the Chair is not responsible for factual errors, inaccuracies, inferences, if any, shall be suitably incorporated in the research report by the Chair Professor. The name of the Chair shall be prominently displayed on the cover page of the research report if it is published.
7. The person selected, if already employed, may be required to produce a 'No Objection Certificate' from the institution for taking up the assignment.
8. Copyright of the Publication shall be vested with the Pranab Mukherjee Foundation.
9. The decision of the Chairman shall be final in all matters.

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ANNEXURE I
APPLICATION FORM FOR GRANT OF PRANAB MUKHERJEE CHAIR

1. Name
2. Father's Name (in block letters)
3. Date of Birth (in block letters)
4. Address for Correspondence

Tel.

5. Permanent Address

Tel.

6. Institution with which currently working (with address)
Telephones Facsimile

7. Educational Qualifications: (Please specify only three major degrees) (Start with the most advanced degree)

Degree/Certificate	Institution	Year

8. Teaching/Research Experience, if any (Attach a separate sheet, if necessary)

Title	Name of Institution	Year

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9. Publications: (Attach a separate sheet, if necessary)

Title	Name of Institution	Year

10. Experience in the field of skill development, incubation & Innovation in North East Region, if any (Attach a separate sheet, if necessary)

Research Proposal

Please attach with this application the synopsis of the proposed research project, in about 1000 words, to permit an informed judgment by the Chair Advisory Committee. The research proposal should include the following:

(Refer to Part D of the SCHEME for Guidelines)


- Abstract
- Title, Background and Statement of the research problem
- Overview of Literature
- Conceptual Framework
- Research Questions or Hypotheses
- Coverage
- Methodology
- Data Collection
- Time Budgeting
- Bibliography

I certify that the statements made in this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Name and Address


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