



## **CIT Spark Grant Program 2025**

### **Calling All Brilliant Undergraduate Minds: Apply for Seed Grant Funding!**

**Are you an undergraduate student brimming with innovative ideas?** Do you have a burning research question or a creative project that holds immense potential but lacks the initial financial push? Then this is the opportunity you have been waiting for!

Institution is proud to announce a call for applications for our **Seed Grant Funding Program for Undergraduate projects**. This program is designed to empower undergraduate students to **transform ideas into reality**.

#### **What are Seed Grants?**

Seed grants provides with the critical financial resources to take the first steps in research or creative endeavour. These grants typically range from Rs 25k to Rs 2 lakhs and can be used to cover a variety of expenses, such as:

- Prototype development
- Initial research materials
- Project travel
- Proof-of-concept testing
- Participation in conferences or competitions
- Filing patents

#### **Who is Eligible?**

This program is open to all currently enrolled undergraduate students at Coimbatore Institute of Technology with a good academic standing. We encourage applications from students across all disciplines. Students can be from same discipline or interdisciplinary. This seed funding program can be applied for by both teams [i.e. Maximum 4 per team] and single applicants.

#### **What are We Looking For?**

- We are looking for innovative, creative, and well-defined projects across all engineering disciplines.
- Your project could involve design, prototyping, testing, or data collection for a new technology, process, or solution.
- We encourage projects with the potential for broader impact and future technology commercialization.
- Demonstrate entrepreneurial thinking

## **Project Duration: 6 months**

### **How to Apply?**

The application process is designed to be straightforward and student-friendly. To apply for a Seed Grant, please submit a proposal that includes:

1. Project Title and Abstract
2. Project Description (including problem statement, objectives, methodology, and timeline)
3. Novelty
4. Impact to the society
5. Budget Breakdown
6. Faculty supervisor Information

Application can be downloaded at CIT website. Kindly use CIT mail id for submission.

### **Selection Process**

Proposals will be reviewed by a committee of faculty members based on the criteria mentioned above.

### **Important Dates**

- Call for application: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025
- Deadline for proposal submission: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- Shortlisted project : 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- Funding announcement: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- Start of the project: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025
- Completion of Project: 30 April 2026

**Don't miss this chance to bring your ideas to life! We look forward to receiving your applications.**



## **CIT Spark Grant Program 2025: Application Template**

### **1. Cover Page:**

- Applicant Name(s) , Student registration number and Contact Information (including email and phone number)
- Department
- Project Title
- Faculty Supervisor (Must)

### **2. Project Summary (1-2 pages):**

- Briefly describe the project idea and its goals.
- Explain the addressing problem or the pursuing opportunity
- Highlight the innovative aspects of the project.
- Explain the potential impact of the project.

### **3. Project Description (2-3 pages):**

- Provide a detailed explanation of the project, including:
  - Background and literature review (if applicable)
  - Methodology or approach
  - Timeline for project completion with key milestones
  - Dissemination plan (how the project results will be shared)
  - Expected deliverables

### **4. Budget (1 page):**

- Itemize the expenses planning to use the seed funding for (materials, equipment, travel, etc.)
- Provide estimated costs for each item.
- Justify how each expense is essential to project's success.

### **5. Team Bios**

- Briefly outline each team member's CV
- Highlight any relevant skills or expertise each member brings for this project

Once complete the application, submit the hardcopy application at Dean, IAIC, Department of AI and DS -M248