

## **DST - NIDHI Accelerator Program - call for proposal.**

### **1. About the Project**

To promote and strengthen Science & Technology Entrepreneurship, the NSTEDB, DST has been funding various programmes and projects on a regular basis. NIDHI Accelerators are positioned as post-incubation initiatives linked with the existing incubators to supplement, complement the scaling up of the start-up value chain.

NSTEDB, DST would encourage its existing TBIs and other incubators to extensively adopt and evolve the accelerator model. NIDHI Accelerator is aimed to help aspiring entrepreneurs in the country, including the ventures already being incubated at TBIs, to be guided in a rigorous and more structured manner, through a deep mentoring process and access to funding and market networks. NIDHI accelerators are positioned for accelerating startups that have made significant progress in terms of market validation and are at the growth and scale-up stage.

Therefore, to run this programme it is proposed to provide funding support upto INR. 40 lakh for conducting acceleration programs for startups to existing TBI's and incubators supported/funded by DST or any other government agencies. Proposals are invited for the above program.

### **2. Who are eligible:**

This programme will be mainly conducted by various TBIs and incubators which are

- TBIs previously funded or currently funded by DST or any other central or state government agencies are eligible to apply, with a minimum 3 years in existence, having nurtured and incubated at least 20 startups in multiple domains.

### **3. DST- NIDHI ACCELERATOR PROGRAM: 2021-22: Call for Proposals**

Proposals are invited from eligible TBIs and incubators interested in conducting above programme during the financial year 2021-22 under the aegis of NSTEDB, Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. Interested eligible TBIs and incubators need to submit proposals as per the prescribed format uploaded on the website (<https://onlinedst.gov.in>).  
**Last date of receiving proposals: 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 till 5:00 PM, IST**

### **4. Steps to follow for submission of proposal;**

Please check **Annexure C**

***Important: For providing funding support, only one proposal per institution/organization will be accepted. The proposal may be submitted for conducting the Programme/Activity. Multiple proposals received for conducting the same Programme/activity from the same institution/organization are liable for rejection. For FAQ, Annexure B may be referred.***

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**Annexure B - FAQs:**

**Q1. What is this NIDHI Accelerator Program funded by NSTEDB during 2020-21?**

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**Q2. Who can apply and what is the maximum funding support DST will provide?**

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**Q3. How to apply for funding support?**

Eligible TBIs/Incubators having interest in conducting **the program** during the financial year 2021-22 under the aegis of NSTEDB, Department of Science & Technology, need to submit their online proposal(s) as per the prescribed format on or before the last date of receiving proposals. The prescribed format can be downloaded from <https://onlinedst.gov.in>

**Q4. How to submit the Proposal?**

Please check **Annexure C**.

**Q5. Can more than one department of the same Institution/Organisation apply for the Same Programme?**

For a particular programme only a single proposal per institution/organization will be accepted for conducting the programme. Therefore, multiple proposals received for conducting the same Programme from the same institution/organization are liable for rejection.

**Q6. What is the Funding Mechanism for conducting a NIDHI Accelerator Program?**

These are fixed budgeted programmes. Normally, funds are released in two instalments i.e. 80% (first instalment) and 20% (last instalment). First instalment is released on approval of the proposal and before commencement of the programme. Second and last instalment is released after successful completion of the programme and submission of various documents.

**Q7. What are the documents to be submitted after completion of the programme?**

Following documents are to be submitted after successfully completion of programme;

- ✓ Post Programme Report hardcopy as well as soft copy (PDF format)
- ✓ Statement of Audited Expenditure, Utilization Certificate; GFR 12-A

**Q8. Where can I read more about NSTEDB, DST?**

The National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB), established in 1982 by the Government of India under the aegis of Department of Science & Technology, is an institutional mechanism to help promote knowledge driven and technology intensive enterprises. The Board, having representatives from socio-economic and scientific Ministries/Departments, aims to convert "job-seekers" into "job-generators" through Science & Technology (S&T) interventions. You can visit [www.nstedb.com](http://www.nstedb.com) for more information about NSTEDB.



## Annexure - C

### General Instructions Manual for Incubators/Institutions for online proposal submission:

To apply for the scheme by National Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board (NSTEDB), Department of Science and Technology, Govt. Of India.

Electronic Project Management System(e-PMS)

Technology Missions Division (TMD)

One of the key objectives of the Department is to promote technology development in various fields. The Department has been supporting Technology development projects which include materials, devices and processes. The Programme supports activities aimed at developing technologies both in the advanced/emerging areas and in traditional sectors/areas. Under the Programme, feasibility of fresh ideas/concepts is also assessed for their potential conversion into useful technology/product. Advanced Manufacturing Technologies (AMT), Waste Management Technologies (WMT), Biomedical Device and Technology Development Programme (BDTD), Device Development Programme (DDP), Technology Development Programme (TDP), DHI-DST Technology Platform for Electric Mobility (TPEM)

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a. Please use the following steps;

1. Visit [www.onlinedst.gov.in](http://www.onlinedst.gov.in)
2. To download the Guidelines & Proposal Format visit the “Schemes And Formats” tab, check NSTEDB schemes under “Innovation and Entrepreneurship” tab, click on download button of the respective scheme to download scheme guidelines.
3. Register under tab “New PI Registration” and create the account for filling up the application form online, in case you already have an account, directly login in with details.
4. After Registration Sign In with the Login id and password to fill the application form online.

5. Please read the form questions carefully and answer them with the best knowledge to avoid any conflict in the application/proposal.
6. Please note that the online application form is different from the proposal which is to be prepared by the Incubators/Institutions.
7. Online application form is the standard form for various schemes implemented by the DST. Govt. of India, thus many fields/questions will seem irrelevant in respect to the NIDHI Programs, in that case please mention NIL/ZERO/NA for such fields.
8. Please note that in the online application form for the question/field under “Financials” for NIDHI Accelerator please mention
  - Fill NIL/ZERO/NA under the equipment or any other capital expense head/category as NIDHI-Accelerator is of “Recurring Grant” nature and does not hold any component of Capital expenditure. In budget section only relevant field for NIDHI - Accelerator is-
    - Recurring Head:-
      - a. Project Staff -
        1. Evaluation Cost
        2. Mentoring Cost
        3. Training workshop Cost
      - b. Consumables(Logistics/Mooc/Startup Kit)
      - c. Contingencies
      - d. Any other head
        1. Marketing and promotion
        2. Online platform including website
        3. Networking event such as demo day
        4. Startup grant - demo day award
      - e. Total Recurring Cost/DST Support Sought For
    - For fields/questions not relevant to the NIDHI-Accelerator please mention NIL/ZERO and move forward with the application.
9. Please make sure to upload the proposal prepared at the end of the online application to complete the application.

10. Please note that applications submitted online are only considered valid. Applications submitted via mail/hardcopy etc. will not be considered valid.
11. In addition to the above please check [https://onlinedst.gov.in/Documents/UserGuideDocs/epms\\_FAQ.pdf](https://onlinedst.gov.in/Documents/UserGuideDocs/epms_FAQ.pdf) or email to [pmsso.dst@nic.in](mailto:pmsso.dst@nic.in) for any further query
12. Upload the scanned proposal duly signed by head of the organisation along with enclosures in **PDF form** (<https://onlinedst.gov.in>)
13. **Incomplete proposals are liable for rejection.**

b. Online form format with data to be filled in the respective field for NIDHI - Accelerator

### **General Information**

1. Division- (Select - Innovation and Entrepreneurship Division)
2. Programme - (Select Scheme - NIDHI ACCELERATOR)
3. Principal Investigator - Please fill name of the CEO of the incubator
4. Institute - Please fill name of the Incubator
5. Address - Please fill address of the Incubator
6. Type of Organization - Please select Incubator registration type - Society/ Academic Institution/Incuse of Section 8, Please select - Private Sector Company
7. Darpan ID(If Any)
8. PAN No.
9. Category - Please fill category of the CEO(SC/ST/OBC/GENERAL)
10. Project Title - Please fill the proposal title”Application for NIDHI Accelerator by “TBI name” on “Thrust Area”
11. Project Summary - Please fill summary of the proposal
12. Project duration - Please fill duration of the program
13. Academic Area - Please fill thrust area of the Incubator
14. Application Area - Please fill Proposed Accelerator Focus Sector
15. Government National Initiative : Suggested - Make in India, Startup India, Digital India, Atmanirbhar Bharat
16. Project Keyword - Please fill important keyword from the proposal

Principal Investigator - Add New PI - Please fill Incubator CEO details.

1. Title
2. Name
3. Designation
4. Institute - Name of the Incubator
5. Date Of Birth
6. Gender
7. State
8. District
9. City
10. Category
11. Address
12. Pin
13. Mobile
14. Landline
15. Identity Proof
16. Identity Proof Number
17. Communication Email
18. Alternate Email

#### Financial Details

- Recurring Head:-
  - a. Project Staff - Please fill details under below head
    1. Evaluation Cost
    2. Mentoring Cost
    3. Training workshop Cost
  - b. Consumables(Logistics/Mooc/Startup Kit)
  - c. Contingencies
  - d. Any other head
    1. Marketing and promotion
    2. Online platform including website
    3. Networking event such as demo day
    4. Startup grant - demo day award
  - e. Total Recurring Cost/DST Support Sought For

#### **PFMS Details:**



If you have a PFMS Code: Yes/No.

## PFMS Unique Code agency Registration

If you have PFMS Code:  Yes  No

**Agency(Institute/Organization/NGO)Details**

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**Agency Details**

Type of Registration: \*

PAN Number: \*

Agency Name: \*

Act Registration No: \*

Registering Authority: \*

TIN Number: \*  TAN Number: \*

GST Number: \*

Block No /Building /Village /Name of Premises: \*

Road/Street/Post Office: \*

Area/Locality: \*

City: \*  Pin Code: \*

State: \*  District: \*

Contact Person: \*

Designation: \*  Phone No: \*

Mobile Number: \*  Email ID: \*

**Bank Details**

Bank Name: \*

Branch Address of the Bank: \*

Bank Branch Name: \*

Bank Account Number of the Beneficiary: \*

IFSC Code of the bank: \*  MICR Code of the bank: \*

### Submission:

1. Biodata/CV of CEO and Project manager
2. Conflict of interest
3. Certificate from PI/Certificate from CEO
4. Endorsement from CEO
5. Complete Project proposal including:
  - Proposal as per annexure 1
  - Budget as per guideline
  - Activity Schedule - Month-wise work plan with detailed structure of the program
  - CV of CEO and Project manager
  - List of internal team member, with designation and contact details

- List of empanelled fulltime and parttime mentors and trainers
  - List of empanelled Partners with commitment letters.
  - Details about current infrastructure of the company
  - Details about the space, and equipment including equipment and online platforms for networking and equipment for prototyping and research
  - Cancelled cheque, bank details, PAN card and Darpan details
6. Registration Certificate of the TBI
  7. Memorandum of Association and Article of Association of the TBI
  8. Audited Statement of Accounts for the last 2 Years
  9. Annual Reports for the last 2 Years
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