

CALL FOR PRE-INCUBATION GRANT PROGRAM 2025

GUIDELINES

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be students (UG/PG/PhD/Postdoctoral, etc.), regular faculty members, or innovators affiliated with **IEST Shibpur**. The mining-related idea or prototype should be at the **Proof of Concept (PoC), laboratory stage, or beyond. Both individual and team applications** are eligible under this program.
2. Proposals must be aligned with the objectives of TEXMiN, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, which focus on enhancing capacity building in the Mineral and Coal sectors to achieve Mining 4.0 (4S – Smart, Safe, Sustainable, and Sociable) through the integration of major interdisciplinary technologies such as GIS, AI/ML, advanced mineral processing systems, and other technologies relevant to the mining industry.

Nature and Duration of Support:

1. **Scope of Support:** The TEXMiN- IEST Shibpur Mining CPS Centre of Excellence (CoE) will support individual startup or startup groups working exclusively at IEST Shibpur.
2. Number of Grants: **05 (Five)**
3. Grant Value: **Up to ₹2,00,000 per grant**
4. **Proposal Limit:** An applicant may submit only one proposal per call.

Selection of Application:

Selection will be based on the recommendations of a Project Advisory and/or Selection Committee constituted by the competent authority.

Plagiarism:

1. Submitted proposals must present original ideas and content.
2. Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated.
3. All proposals will undergo a similarity check, and any found to be plagiarized will be rejected.

How to Apply:

Hard Copy: Submit a hard copy of all documents in a sealed envelope to the below address.

To
Prof.Md. Mirajul Islam
TEXMiN Coordinator, TEXMiN-IEST Shibpur Mining CPS CoE
Assistant Professor, Mining Engineering
IEST Shibpur, Howrah, W. B. 711103

Soft Copy: The applicant must email all required documents to-
texmin-iest-coe.mining@faculty.iiests.ac.in

Documents Required:

1. Complete soft copy of the project proposal in the prescribed format provided (Annexure 2IF).
2. Non-Disclosure Agreement (Annexure 3IN).
3. Plagiarism report of the project proposal

Last date for submission of the proposal is 25th May 2026

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Annexure- 2IF

Application Form for Pre-Incubation Grant

(To apply for incubation under the TEXMiN-IEST Shibpur Mining CPS CoE Programme, please fill in the following details. Each of the applicants is requested to fill in the form and submit it.)

1. **Title of the proposed project:**
2. **Director / Founder Information Details:**

Name of the Innovator:	
Address:	
Permanent Address:	
Contact Number:	Email ID:
Category (Gen/SC/ST/OBC)	
Pan Card No.	Aadhar No.
Academic Qualification	
Non-academic Achievements	
Industrial Experience	
Business/Entrepreneurial Experience:	

2.1. Professional Details:

2.1.1. Profession of the Innovator:

2.1.2. Name & Address of the Institution/Organization (applicable in case of Innovator in Employment / Students with any R& D organisation / Academic Institution):

2.1.3. For Innovator in Employment / Students with any R&D organisation / Academic Institution attach NOC from Head of Institute /Organization.

2.1.4. Annual Income of the applicant (applicable in case of Innovator in Employment):

2.1.5. Have you started your own venture (start-up)? Yes / No

If Yes, please mention the followings-

Name of your start up:

Date of Incorporation:


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2.2 Revenue generated till date – Provide Cap structure of the start up

S No.	Name (Founder/Co-founder)	Nationality	Commitment (Part time/ Full time)	%Share holding

2.3 Team Member Details (NOTE: If no team members, kindly mention NA in column Name)

Sr No.	Name	Aadhar No.	Pan Card no.	Gender	Contact	Email-id	Qualification

3. Product Information-Status of project (please ✓ as applicable)

- a. Idea level
- b. College Project
- c. Lab level – Proof of Concept
- d. Paper Presentation
- e. Working Prototype ready

4. What is the problem you are solving? Please describe.
5. Explain the solution proposed.
6. Describe the product/service.
7. Identify the sector to which the product/services relate.
8. What is the unique/innovative /competitive aspect of the product/service?
9. Please let us know the market target customers' positioning of the product.
10. Please explain the business plan from seeding development to commercialisation.
11. Market Strategy:
12. Technology:
13. Final outcome/deliverable of the project:
14. Who would be the beneficiary of this innovation and why?
15. What is USP for your idea/product?


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16. Mentorship and support (Required):

17. Background of the person who all are part of the team working on the project (Team Expertise):

Name of Person (Director/Founder/Head/Team)	Designation	Field of Expertise

18. Financial Support (Requirement) from TEXMiN CoE (Maximum 2 Lakh):

Sr. No	Items	Time (in months)	Cost (in Rupees)

19. Attached Pitch Deck PPT. (Separate File)

20. Milestones & Timelines

21. Have you received any financial support / award for your above mentioned idea from any other sources? (if so, please furnish details)

Declaration:

I declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any information is found false or incorrect, my candidature will stand cancelled and all my claims will be forfeited.

Place:

Signature of the applicant

Date:

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Annexure- 3IN

Non-Disclosure Agreement

(To be submitted by an individual student working in the Product/Technology Development)

I _____, son/daughter of _____
founder/director/promoter of M/s _____ pre-
incubated at IEST Shibpur under TEXMIN IEST Shibpur Mining CPS CoE on my personal
behalf/behalf of my company do hereby declare that -

1. I am interested in working in the Product/Technology Development Project entitled
“ _____ ” under
the mentorship of (Name of the mentor): _____,
Designation: _____, Department/organization: _____
2. I shall access the facilities of IEST Shibpur labs with due diligence and care, abiding by all the
guidelines/instructions laid down by the center.
3. I shall be responsible for any damage caused by me to the laboratory/infrastructural facility provided
during the project.
4. I, hereby, grant an exclusive right over the Intellectual Property (IP) generated under the pilot project
done by me to TEXMiN CPS CoE till the Startup is not incubated under TEXMiN.
5. I, hereby, agree to follow all the rules and regulations of TEXMiN CoE, including the IP Policy.
6. I, hereby, agree to inform TEXMiN CPS CoE about any commercialization of IP generated under the
project, including commercialization through a start-up promoted by me.
7. The consultant / employee/intern hired by the company during the period of pre-incubation will be
from TEXMiN- IEST Shibpur Mining CPS CoE.
8. I, hereby, agree not to disclose, share, or publish any details, results, or findings of the project or any
related intellectual property to any third party without the prior written consent of TEXMiN CoE.
This confidentiality obligation will remain in effect even after the completion of the project.

Date:

Signature: _____

Name: _____


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