



Equipment Grant Call

The Call: Researchers require up-to-date and effective equipment (instruments, apparatus, software, and databases) and facilities to conduct world-class research. The goal is to address critical and strategic research equipment needs and thereby enhance the research programmes of multiple investigators and institutions reliant on shared-use equipment. With the generous support of Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Ignite Life Science Foundation is calling for proposals from Institutions/Investigators to purchase state-of-the-art equipment to support research.

Nature of the Award: An award from this Programmes is not a grant; it is an agreement to pay for specified and approved expenses up to the approximate value of the award. If actual expenses for the approved budget are less than the award, any funds remaining will be reclaimed.

Allowed costs include typical costs associated with the acquisition of equipment, including purchase price, shipping and/or import costs, installation, and limited training. All necessary allowed costs should be included in the submitted budget. When preparing the budget, pay careful attention to unquoted costs associated with vendor terms and conditions, such as shipping costs, taxes, etc. The total amount available is 55 Lakhs INR. The final decision on the Award is subject to getting approval of the grant from Ignite Life Science Foundation's CSR donor, Indian Oil, after fulfilling their requirements.

Eligible equipment includes single, commercially available instruments or the essential components of an integrated system. In the latter case, all components should be largely dedicated to the identified need or function. The Programme is not intended to support the acquisition of multiple, stand-alone items with independent functions.

Programme funds will NOT support personnel costs or costs for extended warranties or service contracts, software upgrade costs after the first year, recurring training, or consumables costs beyond those needed to bring the equipment into service.

Review Criteria and Process

The fundamental criteria are impact and need.

- **Impact:** The impact is defined as advancing the investigators' research programme(s). For Core Facilities, the impact is defined as the overall enhancement of the enterprise, including, but not limited to, opportunities to improve services for an existing user base, realize new services, or serve additional users.
- **Need:** As appropriate for the project, the need will be assessed relative to immediate or near-term reduction or removal of research barriers, including barriers to external funding, enhancement of the pace or quality of research, the extent of projected use relative to potential use, and the availability of similar equipment/functions on campus.
- **Access:** Existing terms of access by multiple users and by users from other institutions are a plus. If it does not exist, a clear plan on how access will be made available is needed in the proposal.

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of representatives from the Ignite Scientific Advisory Board.

Award Procedures and Reporting Requirements

- Successful applicants will receive a notice of award for an amount derived from the submitted budget and any amendments resulting from the review. Thereafter, the PI must work with the CEO and the Ignite office to place the order, install, etc.
- The PI/spokesperson or an approved designee must submit a report describing the equipment's impact on impacted research programmes and highlighting any research funding facilitated by the equipment project. Reporting deadlines are likely to be project-specific and will be communicated to awardees, but in general, the report should be submitted one year after the assets were made available for use.

The last date for submitting the proposal to andrea@ignitelsf.in is 15th Jan. 2025. The awards will be announced around [March 31st 2025].



Information on Ignite Life Science Foundation can be obtained at our website: ignitelsf.in

Successful proposals will be announced through our website and via our social media handle.

The subject line of the email to which the proposal is attached should say: [Equipment Call] Proposal, Your Name and Institution

The proposal (maximum 10 pages) the name of the proposal file should be PIname_InstitutionName_[Grant name]_[Year] (**The applicant should hold a full time position**).

Collaborators/Co investigators detail

The proposal should contain the following sections :

- A high level SUMMARY of the proposal (200 words or less)
- Details about the proposed research component for which Equipment will be utilized for
- Existing infrastructure at the organization
- Details of the equipment
- Details of the proposed budget
- Proposed sharing model (inter and intra organization)