

## Equipment Grant Call 2026

**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, thereby enhancing the research programs of multiple investigators and institutions that rely 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 program 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 INR 55 Lakhs. 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 program is not intended to support the acquisition of multiple, stand-alone items with independent functions.

Program 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.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Eligibility is restricted to full-time faculty members affiliated with government research institutions or universities.

## **Review Criteria and Process**

The fundamental criteria are impact and need.

- **Impact:** The impact is defined as advancing the investigators' research program(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.

A panel of representatives from the Ignite Scientific Advisory Board will review all applications.

## **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 programs 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.

Information on Ignite Life Science Foundation can be obtained at our website: [ignitelsf.in](https://ignitelsf.in)

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

**Application deadline: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

## How to apply

- Please register at Ignite's grant management software.
- Grant management portal: <https://grant-management.ignitelsf.in/>
- Fill in all the information required to create your profile.
- Once logged in, you will get the Grant details on the dashboard.
- Click "Apply" and upload all the required documents before submitting the application.
- Alternatively, only if there is an issue with the website, you can upload the submissions to [andrea@ignitelsf.in](mailto:andrea@ignitelsf.in) (Please make sure you inform us of these issues before emailing us your application). **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 Investigators\_Name\_InstitutionName\_[Grant name]\_[Year] (**The applicant should hold a full-time position**), and collaborators/co-investigators details must be mentioned.

The proposal should contain the following sections :

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