

7<sup>th</sup> edition of GBP`S  
TALENT SEARCH CONTEST ON  
INNOVATIVE RESEARCH IDEAS LEADING  
TO ENTREPRENEURIAL VENTURE IN  
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND ALLIED AREAS

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## 1. PREAMBLE

Guwahati Biotech Park (GBP) is a visionary initiative of Government of Assam to promote business in biotechnology and allied areas through entrepreneurship development. GBP has been established with an objective to accelerate the R & D activities and product development in biotechnology and allied areas and to facilitate faster penetration of biotech industry to the North Eastern Region.

As a first endeavor of the Park's activities an Incubation Centre namely Technology Incubation Center (TIC) has been established. TIC is offering ready-to-use modular laboratories equipped with modern laboratory work stations and other utilities for leasing out to startup entrepreneurs/companies interested in pursuing their R&D activities in biotechnology and related areas where they can translate their research ideas into commercialisable technologies as well as for up-gradation of existing technologies without risking huge investments in terms of infrastructure and equipment.

Apart from modular laboratories, TIC is offering instrument/equipment support required for R&D activities through specialized facilities having modern & sophisticated equipment. The facilities are: Central Analytical Instrumentation Facility, Bioprospecting Facility, Micropropagation Facility, Herbal Extraction Facility, Fermentation Facility and Bioinformatics Facility. These instrument services are available on nominal pay and use basis.

Presently the centre is having a number of modular laboratories of different sizes ranging from 334 sft to 1375 sft for leasing out to the entrepreneurs. Currently around 150 different types of high end as well as common equipment are available at TIC and many other will be added soon. All these facilities are available to entrepreneurs/researchers/students on pay and use basis.

## 2. ABOUT THE CONTEST

The growth of Biotechnology industry in Assam is in its nascent stage. GBP is committed to play the role of a catalyst and facilitator for entrepreneurship

development in biotechnology and related areas and to catalyze the growth of Biotechnology Industry in North Eastern states through proper and effective utilization of the huge bio-resources of this region.

To accelerate the R & D activity and ignite the young minds to cultivate entrepreneurial ideas in biotechnology and allied fields GBP is organizing a *'Talent Search Contest on Innovative Research Ideas Leading to Entrepreneurial Venture in Biotechnology and Allied Areas.'* This will encourage the innovative potential of students/researchers and open up the new vistas of industrialization throughout the NE Region in the long run.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Start-ups/entrepreneurs/Graduate/ Post Graduate/PhD Scholars/ Postdoctoral fellow and any professionals experienced in Biotechnology and allied areas can participate in this contest. Participants must submit a scanned copy of the photo ID card of their College/University/Institute/organization currently associated and a NOC from Supervisor/ Head of the Institute/Organization. Those who are not associated with any organization but interested to participate in this contest can submit a self-declaration document stating their current occupation.

### 4. HOW TO APPLY

Participants can submit their Project Proposal/ Research ideas in the prescribed format (**Annexure I**). This may be sent to the GBP via **Google Form** (<https://tinyurl.com/GBPTSC2023>). Proposal received after the stipulated time will not be entertained. All the details of the contest, link, any updates and the list of selected participants can be seen in the website of GBP *i.e.* [www.guwahatibiotechpark.com/News](http://www.guwahatibiotechpark.com/News) and Events.

### 5. RECOGNITION AND AWARD

Twelve (12) numbers of participants out of the total participants will be selected by a Screening Committee based on the novelty, feasibility, commercial viability, competitive advantage over existing technologies and user friendliness of the

research concept. The selected participants will be invited to join the **final contest for Award for innovative Research Program** to be organized by Guwahati Biotech Park and all the selected participants will be awarded for their outstanding innovative concepts with Certificates and Mementos.

- i. All the selected participants will present their concepts before a Screening Committee in the **final contest for Award for innovative Research Program**.
- ii. In the final round best three (3) participants/proposals will be awarded with a cash prize of Rs. One Lakh ( Rs. 1 Lakh only) each. 20% of the cash prize will be awarded to the participants at final day of the contest. Awardee can utilize the rest amount of the grant (80%) to do the R & D work for the awarded project by incubating at the Technology Incubation Center of Guwahati Biotech Park (TIC, GBP). TIC, GBP will offer co-working space for the best 3 proposals for one year from the date of the final contest for Award for Innovative Research Program and a formal MOA will be executed with the awardee in this regard.
- iii. GBP is associated with NRL for this 7<sup>th</sup> edition of TSC. The best participant will also get direct entry to the second level of screening for NRL ideation grant. Details will be available <http://www.ideation.nrl.co.in/strategic-alignment.aspx#4>.
- iv. Industry professionals, Investment bankers, Angel Investors and academicians will be invited in the program to join the Award for innovative Research Program to explore opportunities for investment for these innovative research ideas and participants could directly interact with the experts.
- v. Participants can visit the instrumentation facilities and could have the exposure to the sophisticated instruments available at TIC,GBP.
- vi. Participants can network with the experts of GBP and its associated organization for mentorship and guidance for bringing their concept to a marketable product.

- vii. Participation in the event will develop and improve transferable skills such as networking with academicians, mentorship from industry professionals, will Increase commercial awareness and technology transfer knowledge, communication, time-management, IP filling and team management.

Note: If the proposal is submitted in a team, maximum number allowed is 2-5 persons and the proposal will be considered as one proposal. Teams can consist of members from different organizations. A team cannot submit more than one business plan. Also, a member can be part of only one team. If a team proposal is selected, the prize will be given as one award.

## 6. IMPORTANT DATES

Announcement of the Contest	:	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
Last date for submission	:	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Announcement of shortlisted participants	:	Through email/Will be notified in GBP website
Award for innovative Research Program (Online)	:	Will be notified in GBP website

## 7. DISCLAIMER

Competent Authority of GBP reserves the right to reject any or all the applications without assigning reason(s) thereof. GBP will not be responsible for any IPR issues arising thereof for the research ideas submitted for the contest.

## 8. ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION

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## 9. SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Talent Search Contest on Innovative Research Ideas offers several sponsorship packages. As a sponsor, one can increase the exposure, network with the business community, and can promote the brand of a company to the entrepreneurs, Students/Researchers, academicians and industry professionals and also to other guests of the program.

Interested organization/firms can contact Guwahati Biotech Park through email at **bioedp@guwahatibiotechpark.com**

## 10. ANNEXURE I

Project Proposal /Research Ideas (within 3000 words)\*

Sl. No.	Topic	Total no. of words	Total Marks for evaluation
1	Title of the Project proposal/Research Idea	-	-
2	Objective of the proposal	-	5
3	Nature of business: Specify whether Product or service	50	5
4	Concept Note	400	10
5	Challenges or risk factors associated with the project	200	15
6	Technical Feasibility and innovative aspects of the idea-solution, uniqueness of the solution	400	15
7	Stage of Research Idea: Has any preliminary work been carried out? Give status of work done? If no, please provide the background details.	50	5
8	Practical Application/Outcome of the project) explain the relevant one: ➤ A Product for customers ➤ A knowledge based service for	350	10

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>customers</li> <li>➤ A technology (knowhow) for sale or licensing to industry</li> <li>➤ An intellectual property right for licensing or sale</li> <li>➤ Any other, please specify</li> </ul>		
9	Commercial Viability and Future Plan of Commercialization	450	15
11	Target population and Market Potential of the product or service to be developed	500	5
12	Competitive advantage	400	5
13	Social implications	200	10

\*as per maximum word limit by Google form

**B. Information about the applicant:**

- i. Name :
- ii. Address for communication :
- iii. Mobile number :
- iv. Email address :
- v. Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):
- vi. Age (Years) :
- vii. Sex (M/F) :
- viii. Educational Qualification :
- ix. Present occupation :

**C. No Objection Certificate from the Head of the Department/Supervisor in the prescribe format (Annexure II)**

## 11. ANNEXURE II

### No Objection Certificate

This is to certify that Mr/Mrs/Dr .....is a Post Graduate/PhD Student/ Research Associate/ Postdoctoral fellow/employee of this .....since .....This organization has no objection in participation of Mr/Mrs/Dr..... in the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of GBP's 'Talent Search Contest on Innovative Research Ideas Leading To Entrepreneurial Venture In Biotechnology and allied areas' with the Research Idea entitled "....."

Place  
Date

Signature:  
Name & Designation of  
Head of Department/Supervisor

*Note: If the person is not associated with any organization a self-declaration certificate required to be attached along with the proposal.*