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From

The Registrar

To

All Principals of Institutions affiliated to KUHS

Sir,

Sub : KUHS- formation of Institutional Innovational Cell- requested-

Aim:

Medical and socio-medical interventions are progressive and they are one of the prime needs of the society. The number of life changing innovations or inventions from our country is rather less. These are more or less confined to a handful of institutions. The capability of our fraternity and the young aspirants in medical and health arena are tremendous but untapped. The major obstacles are lack of knowledge on how to bring out an idea to reality, non-availability of suitable environment for collaborations, ignorance on intellectual property rights and the procedures to be followed, lack of resources, lack of knowledge on selecting right industry partners etc. KUHS being a knowledge development and enhancement centre, it can provide an Ecosystem under a dedicated cell which can act as catalyst for innovative ideas and innovators. This may provide ample opportunity for young vibrant minds and seasoned intellectuals to pursue a hassle free journey to their passionate destinations. The cell may provide opportunity to institutions to promote practice changing research which can have major socio-economic and management impacts.

Objectives:

1. To promote innovative ideas to counter common problems in clinical practice and to improve the healthcare system in the country
2. To provide a platform for young scientists and students to express their concepts
3. To provide technical support and a network for collaboration for such innovators
4. To encourage medical fraternity and students to surge into area of inventions and IPR registrations
5. To assist the innovators to get IPR/Patent
6. To provide a platform for training and education on how to bring an idea into reality
7. To institute awards for best innovations annually
8. To provide seed funding for selected practice changing innovations and to assist the scientist to get



external funding

Constitution:

The Innovation cell shall be established in a decentralised manner with hub and spokes model. The Hub will be in the University headquarters of KUHS. Each research institution shall establish an Institutional Innovation Cell for coordination with University Innovation Cell at KUHS. The Institutional Innovation Cell will be constituted with 7-10 members from the Institution and shall have a chairman and a Convenor. The Chairman shall be a professor from institution with admirable standing. The members shall be selected based on credentials from various disciplines of the institution.

Meeting schedule:

Atleast thrice in a year or whenever required depending on the number of proposals submitted. E-mail groups for review of proposals will be utilized and meetings shall be for direct interaction with the innovator and approvals. Once the proposal is approved, further course of action shall be planned by the UIC and engage appropriate agencies for its logical conclusion.

UIC of KUHS may share the IPR if funding support and intellectual inputs are provided.

Standard Operating Procedure:

Every three or four months, call for innovative concepts shall be issued by the UIC. It shall be submitted in a specified format. The screening of the concepts shall be done through e-mails of the members and a scoring system shall be developed to assess the concept. Those concepts with majority hits on the welcome side shall be informed to develop into a project proposal. Those who need support for developing shall be assisted by the UIC engaging a faculty group from selected institutions. Once the proposal is submitted, UIC Technical committee meeting shall be convened and the innovator shall present. UIC provides the inputs and advices on collaboration. Potential collaborators shall be invited by UIC and engage them with the innovator. For proposals which can have huge impact and the feasibility issues do not exist may be given seed funding or connect to K-DISC.

As per the decision of the Second Meeting of the Innovation Cell of KUHS the formation of Institutional Innovation Cells in all affiliated institutions under KUHS is mandatory. All Principals are requested to intimate details of a responsible person of the IIC and give the details of constituted IIC within one month along with the filled questionnaire attached, by email to uec@kuhs.ac.in .

Yours faithfully,

Encl: Questionnaire

Registrar

