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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on

Grant for Research & Entrepreneurship across Aspiring Innovators in Technical Textiles (GREAT)

**Catapulting Novel Creations
by Young Innovators &
Startups**

General Guidelines for GREAT



**National Technical Textiles Mission
Ministry of Textiles**

Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

1. Where can I find the GREAT guidelines?

The guidelines for GREAT are available on the portal of National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) (<https://nttm.texmin.gov.in/>) under the “Documents” section.

2. How do I apply for the GREAT startup application?

The link for applying for the GREAT startup form is available on the portal of National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) under “Registration for proposal” section.

3. What is the last date of the application?

There is no last date as such, the applications received till 31st December 2025 for onward consideration by Ministry of Textiles up to 31st March 2026.

4. Are there any specific incubators for GREAT applications?

An applicant can choose incubators from Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), National Institute of Technology (NITs), Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISERs), Textile Research Associations (TRAs), Centre of Excellence (COE), and Institutions associated/affiliated with Ministry of Textiles like National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) etc. The Incubators recognized and supported by Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Atal Incubation Centers are also included in the scheme.

5. Who is the project leader?

Any person who is the majority shareholder of the startup/company or proposed startup/company and who will be responsible for execution of the proposed project.

6. Who can apply under the “Individual” category?

For applicants, who does not have any registered startup/company at the date of applying should apply under the “individual” category. However, the funds will be disbursed only after registering the startup/company.

Individual who is a promoter/shareholder of a startup company should apply under the “startup” category only.

7. Are applicants affiliated with academic or research organizations eligible?

Yes, such applicants can apply under the GREAT guidelines.

8. Who can apply under the “startup” category?

An applicant who has a registered startup/company and is eligible under the GREAT guidelines can apply under the “Startup” category.

9. Are there any specific formats for no objection certificate (NOC) and authorization certificate?

There are no specific formats for the no objection certificate (NOC) and authorization certificate. However, they must be signed by the authorized person of the concerned department and on the official letter head and should not be vague.

10. What are the eligibility criteria for the promoters/co-promoters holding more than or equal to 20% share in an eligible startup/company?

If any shareholder of the applicant startup company which is not eligible under the GREAT guidelines holds more than or equal to 20 % of the shares in a new startup/company, then the new startup company is also not eligible under the GREAT guidelines.

11. How often are progress reports submitted to NTTM during the project?

The startup should submit quarterly progress report to NTTM through the incubator.

12. What happens if a proposal is rejected?

If a proposal is rejected, the applicant can reapply if significant improvements have been made to the original proposal.

13. Can a startup company apply if it has been in operation for more than 5 years?

No, the incorporation date of the startup should not be greater than 5 years at the time of applying for GREAT.

14. What happens to the intellectual property generated through GREAT?

The intellectual property generated through GREAT shall reside with the innovator or startup, or it can be jointly shared by the startup and the incubator as per their agreement.

15. How much does the startup need to invest in the project?

The startup is required to invest at least 10% of the total sanctioned amount in two equal installments. The first installment should be made before the release of the grant, and the second installment should be made after the achievement of the 1st milestone.

16. Does the startup need to give equity or royalty for the funding under GREAT?

No, the startup does not have to give any equity or royalty under GREAT.

17. Can an individual/startup apply more than once for the funding under GREAT guidelines?

More than one application can be filled but support under GREAT will be provided only once to any individual/startup.

18. How is the incubator funded under GREAT?

The incubator will receive 10% of the total amount sanctioned to the startup in proportion to the approved milestones-based funding pattern. This funding is for the administrative expenditure, due diligence, monitoring, and mentoring the beneficiary startups under GREAT.

Incubator fee is separate from this, incubator fee is the fee that the beneficiary startups will pay to the incubator for using the facilities and services of the incubator.

19. Are there any specific formats for memorandum of understanding (MoU) or letter of recommendation from the incubator?

There are no specific formats for the memorandum of understanding (MoU) or letter of recommendation. However, it should clearly stipulate terms and conditions, roles and responsibilities and all such points which generally form part of MOU. MOU must be signed by the authorized person of the incubator and on the official letter head.

20. How much money startup has to invest in project?

The startup is required to invest at least 10% of the total sanctioned amount in two equal installments.

