

Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)-Ladakh

Guidelines for the allocation of Innovation Space to Innovators

I. Critical features of Innovation Hub

The Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI)-Hub Ladakh offers innovation space to innovators (Fresher or Academia) who have an exciting idea in the ideation or nascent stage, which can address the unmet need of the Ladakh region. The STI-Hub Ladakh would support innovators to nurture their ideas into reality.

A. Major Facilities available at STI-Hub Ladakh:

- Innovation Space / Workbench
- Latest Equipment's and Consumables
- Video Conferencing and Meeting Space
- High-Speed Internet Connection
- Separate Storage Space
- Mentoring (as per the availability)

B. Eligibility Criteria:

1. An innovator should be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age and have a minimum qualification of Matriculation (10th) standard by education.
2. The Applicants should be Citizens of India.
3. The innovator applying should have a domicile of UT Ladakh. Preference shall be given to the women candidates and candidates from ST/SC/OBC/EWS categories.
4. Applicants can apply as an individual or in a team.
5. In case of applying as a team,
 - a. At least one member of the team should be from Ladakh.
 - b. Only one member from the team can avail of the facilities of the STI hub, and that that member should be a native of Ladakh.
 - c. STI Hub will communicate with only one team representative, chosen by their team members, while the rules will apply to all the team members.

6. If an applicant does not follow the terms and conditions, the STI Hub team has the right to, at any time, disqualify any application deemed offensive or inappropriate.
7. All entries received which are incomplete, illegible, mutilated, altered, reproduced, forged, irregular or fraudulent in any way or otherwise not in compliance with these rules are automatically considered void.

C. Scope & Support

1. STI-Hub Ladakh supports ideas that contribute to integrated solution-based technologies, and innovations that aims to improve and develop the quality of people of Ladakh and need to fall under one of the following major topics:
Health Technology, Green Technology, Education Technology, Internet of Things (IOT) and Website & App Development.
2. Registration at Innovation hub carries no charges.
3. Only the Applicants whose ideas are original have the right to participate. Should the Applicant's ideas be considered plagiarised, the Applicant will be disqualified.
4. There will be no financial implication between both sides (Innovator and the STI Hub). The STI Hub shall not provide any financial assistance to the innovators.
5. There will be no scholarship for the innovators.
6. The work bench and access to facilities in STI Hub will be given for maximum one-year period time to an individual or team. This time period can be extended to another six months on the basis of proposal and decision of STI Hub committee.
7. STI Hub facilities will be provided as is where is, no separate requests will be entertained.
8. There will be quarterly evaluation of the work done and the innovator has to deliver a presentation with elaborated plan of action for next 3-months.

II. Modalities of Implementation:

1. Overview of Application Process:

1. STI-Hub Ladakh will issue a Call for Proposals for the allocation of work bench/space to the Innovators in the STI Hub through its website www.stihubladakh.org
2. The applicant needs to submit an online application with an abstract of their innovative idea.

2. Overview of Selection Process

1. The Joint Project Management Committee (JPMC) comprised of PI and Co-PIs of the Project – STI Hub Ladakh will screen the applications for eligibility and appropriateness under the terms and conditions of STI-Hub Ladakh.
2. Screening and shortlisting will also be subject to parameters other than the eligibility, such as Innovation, Societal impact, Commercializing potential, Team capability, and Commitment.
3. All eligible applicants will undergo a preliminary selection, which will be done based on the abstracts submitted to STI-Hub.
4. All applicants selected in their preliminary stage will be informed to submit their detailed innovation idea through a given online portal.
5. The JPMC at STI-Hub Ladakh will Technically review the detailed innovation idea of applicants. If required, the shortlisted applicants would be asked to make a detailed presentation to the JPMS at STI-HUB Ladakh.
6. The STI-Hub Ladakh will make the Final Selection of the applicants. The selection committee's decision for approval for an innovator in the STI Hub will be final, firm, and binding. STI Hub Ladakh will not explain the decision taken on any application that is not selected irrespective of the outcome/decision.
7. Mentors will be assigned as per availability.
8. Registered innovators shall bring in consumables if a particular consumable item is non-available in STI Hub. The innovator has to take prior permission for the same from the Coordinator. For example, if printer material for the 3D printer is not available in the STI Hub, a registered innovator can bring in printing material with authorities' permission.

For any clarification and information please contact us on info@stihubladakh.org.