Kindly read and understand the Annexures I and II carefully and confirm that your proposal is eligible and suited for the PRAYAS scheme before filling up the application form.

ANNEXURE I

SCTIMST-TIMed supports only innovations based on **healthcare, medical devices and biomaterials** under NIDHI PRAYAS program

Eligibility and Broad Terms for "Individual Innovators" for PRAYAS support

NIDHI- PRAYAS Program aims at providing prototype funding to convert idea into prototype to <u>young and aspiring innovators</u>. Innovators should use the PRAYAS grant primarily convert their ideas into prototype of a product that has potential for commercialisation. The IP generated if any, will vest with the Innovator or the Start up. The maximum funding support to an innovator/startup will be upto 10 lakhs, **however the final amount is subject to the approval of Monitoring committee of a PRAYAS centre**

Eligibility criteria

● An individual innovator without having a startup or founder of a startup can apply for Prayas grant.

o <u>In case of an applicant being an individual innovator without having a startup</u> applying for PRAYAS:

  o The applicant has to be an Indian Citizen with a government approved proof of nationality such as a valid passport, voter's id etc.

  o The applicant should be minimum of 18 years of age, as on the date of application.

o <u>If the applicant works in a team with other innovators</u> there has to be an agreement among the team about the lead innovator who would apply, and the funds will be transferred to the lead innovator's account (after selection). IP generated would vest with the innovator or with the team as per the agreement and it would be further taken for commercialization.

● <u>In case of an applicant being a co-founder of a Startup applying for PRAYAS</u>:

   o The applicant has to be an Indian citizen with a government approved proof of nationality such as a valid passport, voter's id etc.

   o The applicant should be minimum of 18 years of age, as on the date of application.

   o The startup should be incorporated in India with a minimum 51% of its equity held by Indian citizens.

   o   The startup should <u>not be more than 7 years of existence</u>.

   o The startup wants to develop the prototype for a new product, for which they have not received support from any other funding agency.

   o The startup should not have annual turnover exceeding Rs. 25 lakhs for any of the financial years since its inception.

   o IP generated would vest with the start up.

● PRAYAS grant is Proof-of-concept grant for converting idea and innovations into a prototype. <u>Proposals for the products having crossed the prototype level are not eligible for support under NIDHI-PRAYAS.</u>

● The ideas and innovations should be based on technology and science.

● The product prototype has to be a **physical product**.

● Applicants can be individual innovators or early stage startups.

● Applicants will have ownership of the Project knowhow or IP of the proposed products or right to use knowhow or IP if it is owned by a third party.

● Prototype must be capable of being completed within 12 months.

● **Innovators should have technical skills or background**.

● Idea or Innovations should have a roadmap towards commercialization.

● The priority technology areas are manufacturing, agriculture, healthcare, clean-tech, energy, water and Internet of Things (IoT). Other technology areas may also be considered on strength or merit of the idea. However, SCTIMST-TIMed only accepts

applications in Healthcare area. You may apply to other Prayas centres for other areas.

● Preference may be given to the innovators-

 o having bootstrapped or have co-investment commitments.

 o having clear roadmap for commercialization or start up creation

 o Women innovators

 o Young innovators

Additional terms for innovators in employment OR Students with any R&D organisation OR Academic Institution :-

 o The innovators in employment or pursuing students have to seek the NOC from their organisation or institution. The NOC should include:

  ✓ Permission to apply for PRAYAS and extending sufficient time to work on the PRAYAS project.

  ✓ Permission that IP generated would vest with the innovator.

Notwithstanding the above, the followings will "not" be considered under NIDHI-PRAYAS:

● Projects related to Pure Software development, e-Commerce, Service solutions, App based solutions.

● Funding research or student internship in Academic institutions or R& D organisations.

ANNEXUREII

Guidelines for Use of funds by the PRAYASEE-

The support / funds should be mainly for prototype development work/ proof of concept.

Funds can be used for approved activities only. This includes items such as:

1. Raw Materials / Consumables /Spares
2. Fabrication/ Synthesis charges of working model or Process
3. Designing costs/ R&D Costs
4. Consultancy Fees
5. Testing/Evaluation
6. Expert Fee
7. Work related Travel and Event participation Fees (ceiling 10% of approved project cost)
8. Patent filing cost- (PCT-Ceiling 10% of approved project cost)
9. Contingency – (ceiling 10% of approved project cost)
10. Any other item approved by SCTIMST-TIMed at the time of application

For any other use, it must be with prior approval of SCTIMST-TIMed only

Funds should not be used for

1. To pay the grantee/relatives.
2. To pay usage charges to the TBI
3. To repay loans/ commitments made earlier
4. To pay rent of own accommodation, creation of infrastructure facility like shed etc. should not form the component of support / funds

Terms and Conditions

1. PRAYAS support is in form of the grant which will be maximum upto Rs.10 lakhs.

2. **PRAYAS applications will be subject to Decision of the committee members of the Prayas Centre** where innovator has applied. <u>The decision of approval or rejection or reduced amount by the committee shall remain final and binding on the innovator.</u>

3. The applicant will be fully committed to work towards the prototype development for which the support is being sought with an intention to commercialization.

4. The project duration is 12 months. Prototype has to be completed within maximum 12 months from receiving the first tranche of the grant.

5. **For incomplete projects, PRAYASEE must return unutilized amount of the grant**.

6. If innovator has already started a venture, Innovators should assign the IP ownership right to the startups.

7. Innovators or Start-up teams cannot avail NIDHI PRAYAS support for more than once nor from more than one Centre. Innovators shall also not be supported in parallel under NIDHI-EIR and NIDHI-PRAYAS. Innovators will give declaration at the time of making application indicating that they have not received support under NIDHI-PRAYAS for the same idea or NIDHI-EIR.

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The above are subject to revision at the discretion of Department of Science & Technology and the appropriate guidelines will be applicable

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Technology Business Incubator for Medical Devices and Biomaterials (TIMed)
Host Institute: Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST)

NIDHI – PRAYAS Programme
Department of Science and Technology, Government of India
National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Board (NSTEDB)

(w.e.f Nov 2021)

PRAYAS –TEAM OF INNOVATORS APPLICATION FORM
(Refer Annexure I to check eligibility for application)

Application Ref no –
(For use of TIMed)

Photo of lead applicant (not older than 6 months)

1. **Title of the proposed project:**

2. **Field of the project** :

   Healthcare   ( )

   Medical Devices   ( )

   Biomaterials   ( )

   Any other, please specify:

3. **Essential Criteria**

We confirm that we have not been a recipient of any NIDHI-PRAYAS or similar support previously for the same innovative concept as proposed in this form. NIDHI-PRAYAS can be used only once.	Yes / No
The team is planning to pursue NIDHI- PRAYAS full time with no other concurrent commitments	Yes/No
We confirm that the team is fully committed to work towards the prototype development for which the support is being sought and will not treat this as a stop gap arrangement to support any other pursuits	Yes/No
We agree to register the team for the pre incubation or incubation program at SCTIMST-TIMed(PRAYAS CENTRE(PC)) for the entire duration of PRAYAS support	Yes/No

We confirm that if selected for NIDHI-PRAYAS, then the team will avail support for our project only from SCTIMST-TIMed. If the team is found seeking NIDHI-PRAYAS support for the same idea from any other PCs, then TIMed reserves right to discontinue the PRAYAS support and appropriate action will be taken on the applicant.	Yes/No
We confirm that the team will not avail the funding support in parallel for both the schemes i.e NIDHI-PRAYAS and NIDHI - EIR from the same or different centres.	Yes/No

4. **Applicant Details:**

   4.1 **Name of the Lead Applicant**:

   4.2 **Gender**:

   4.3 Date of birth of Lead Applicant(dd/mm/yyyy):   Age:

   4.4 Category of Lead Applicant(General/SC/ST/OBC):

   4.5 Father's Name/Husband's Name of Lead Applicant:

   4.6 Annual Income of the lead applicant:

   (Attach a copy of the latest Income Tax Returns filed, salary slip)

   4.7 PAN no of Lead Applicant(Attach copy of PANCARD):

   4.8 Aadhar No of Lead Applicant:

   4.9 Email ID of Lead Applicant:

   4.10   Educational Qualification of Lead Applicant:

   4.11   **Nature of experience relevant to the project**:

5. **Address of the Lead Applicant** (Please enclose copy of a valid address proof)

Communication Address	Permanent Address

6. **Team Member Details (Enclose copy of PAN Cards and Aadhar Cards):**

Sl No.	Name	Aadhar No.	Pan Card no.	Gender	Contact	Email-id	Qualification

7. <u>**Please enclose a detailed BIODATA of the team members associated with the project**</u>

8. **Give a brief description of the proposed project:**

9. **Give a detailed description of the idea highlighting the innovative element.**
   (**Please use a separate sheet**)

   9.1 Science and working principle behind the idea

9.2 Final outcome/deliverable of the project

9.3 Who would be the beneficiary of this innovation and why?

9.4 **Relevance of the project idea in the current scenario**.

9.5 What is already available in market? What is the market potential of your product in comparison?

9.6 What is the Technology Readiness Level and the resources needed to take it forward?

9.7 **Status of work already carried out (if any) such as the following. Please tick ✓ as applicable and attach details of the activity**

- ➢ **Idea Level** ☐

- ➢ **Paper Presentations** ☐

- ➢ **Publication** ☐

- ➢ **Working prototype ready** ☐

- ➢ **Provisional Application For Patent** ☐

- ➢ **Any Other : Specify**

10. **Proposed costs and time frame (Refer Annexure II for guidelines on usage of fund)**

Sl. No	Items	Project Cost Own Share (in Rs)	PRAYAS support sought (in Rs)
1.	Raw material/ Consumables/Spares		
2.	Fabrication /Synthesis charges of working model or process		
3.	Designing costs/ R&D Costs		
4.	Consultancy fees		
5.	Testing/ Evaluation		
6.	Expert fees (which include the following services available from the PC) a) Initial patent evaluation report – Rs. 3000 b) Prior art search – Rs. 6000 c) Patent landscape – Rs. 25000 d) Market search report – upto Rs. 10,000 e) Drafting legal documents – upto Rs. 10,000		
7.	Work related Travel and Event participation Fees (Ceiling 10% of approved project cost)		
8.	Patent filing Cost – (PCT- Ceiling 10% of approved project cost)		
9.	Contingency - (Ceiling 10% of approved project cost)		
10	Any other, please specify		

Expected Project period in months: _____

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(Not more than 12 months)

11. **Activity details/work plan(add more rows, if required)**

Sl.No	Activities	Monitorable Milestones	Duration (months)

12. **Have you also applied / in process of applying to any other PRAYAS Centre (s) for NIDHI-PRAYAS and/or NIDHI-EIR grant --**   Yes/No

    If Yes – Please mention the name of the Centre / TBI and the program.

13. **Have you been approved/received the NIDHI-PRAYAS --** Yes/No
    If Yes – Please mention the name of the centre/TBI and Date of approval/funds received

14. **Have you received financial support / award for your present work from any other sources -** Yes/No
    (if so, please furnish details)

15. **What are the facilities required for prototype creation?**
    (Give details of infrastructure, equipment, space, hardware and software requirements)

16. **Have you submitted all required information and documents as per the application form? Y/N**.

1.	Copy of PAN card and Aadhar Card of Lead Applicant.	Yes/No
2.	Latest income tax returns statement of Lead Applicant, if applicable	Yes/No
3.	Copy ofPAN Card and Aadhar Cards of	Yes/No

team members	
4. Proof of address of Lead Applicant	Yes/No
5. Proof of address of team members	Yes/No
6. Research papers published by team members, if any	Yes/No
7. Details of patents applications, if any	Yes/No
8. Details of Project	Yes/No
9. Status of Work	Yes/No
10. Financial Support/ Award Details	Yes/No

17. **References:** (Give two professional/ academic references with address, email and contact number)

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18. **Declaration:**

We declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and we have not received any financial assistance for the present proposal from any other agency/scheme. If, at a later stage, it is found that any information furnished here is false or incorrect, our candidature will stand cancelled and all our claims will be forfeited and we shall repay all the funds received in this regard to the concerned Prayas Centre at the earliest.

We the team members declare Mr/Ms……………………. as our Lead Applicant and do authorise him/her to be responsible for all project related matters of the team under NIDHI PRAYAS.

Place: **Signature of the Lead Applicant**

Date:

                                                           Name and Signature of Team Members

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