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Call for Application under AdtU Student Innovation Grant Program

In line with its ongoing commitment for promoting a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among its student community, the Directorate of Innovation, Startup, and Acceleration (DISA) at Assam down town University is pleased to announce the **Call for applications** for the AdtU Student Innovation Grant Program.

The Program aims to support student-led innovative projects by providing financial assistance for prototype development, creation of Minimum Viable Products (MVPs), generation of intellectual property and advancement of commercialization opportunities. Applications are invited from eligible students in accordance with the provisions, eligibility criteria and guidelines prescribed under the AdtU Student Innovation Grant Policy (Version 2.0) issued vide memo no: AdtU/R/2025-26/1194 dated 11-05-2026.

Further details regarding the application process, eligibility criteria and deadlines are given below for reference.

Grant Amount: Up to Rs. 25000/-

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled as students of Assam down town University in Diploma, Undergraduate (UG), Postgraduate (PG) or PhD programmes.

Application Guidelines:

- Applications may be submitted individually or as a team. Each team must have a designated Team Leader. The total number of team members, including the Team Leader, shall not exceed Six (6).
- The proposed project must demonstrate innovation, novelty and feasibility for prototype or product development.
- The project should have the potential to achieve a minimum Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 4 or above.
- The proposed innovation should have scope for patentability and/or commercialization, wherever applicable.
- Applications with potential for commercialization of the innovation/MVP shall be preferred.

Categories:

- **Academic Innovation:** Any student-led project undertaken as part of the academic curriculum under the guidance of a faculty member of Assam down town University, with the potential to develop a working prototype or Minimum Viable Product (MVP) and secure a patent.
- **Non-Academic Innovation:** Any student-led independent innovative project, including interdisciplinary or startup-oriented initiatives undertaken outside the academic curriculum, with the potential to build a working prototype or Minimum Viable Product (MVP) and obtain a patent. Faculty guidance is not mandatory for this category; however, mentorship support may be facilitated by DISA or dtVL, as deemed appropriate.



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Expected Deliverables:

- Development of a prototype or product achieving a minimum Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 4 or above.
- Submission and/or publication of at least one patent arising from the project.
- Demonstration of the developed prototype/product.

Application Procedure:

- Interested candidates are required to submit their applications through the ERP platform of Assam down town University.
- If applying as a team, the team leader should submit the application in the ERP on behalf of the entire team.
- Applicants must specify the category as either 'Academic' or 'Non-Academic.' For any clarification, they can contact the phone numbers listed in the Contact section below.

Interested candidates can submit their applications by following the steps mentioned below:

Step 1: Open the AdtU A-Connect app.

Step 2: Navigate to the 'Entrepreneurship & Incubation' tab.

Step 3: Select 'Innovation Grant'.

Step 4: Fill out the form and submit it.

Once the form is successfully submitted, the students will be contacted by DISA officials, who will provide guidance and handholding support to complete the application process.

Application Deadline: All applications must be submitted by **20th August, 2026**. However, **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from the date of issuance of the circular but the evaluation may take place in the subsequent evaluation cycle.**

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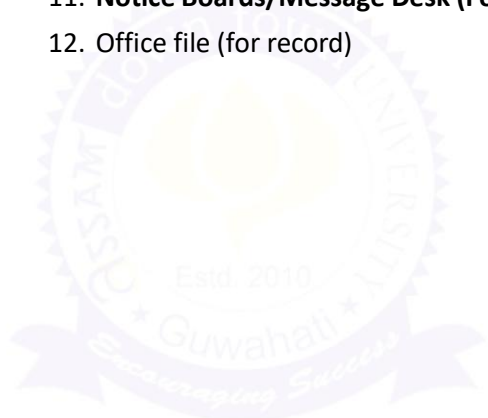
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AdtU Student Innovation Grant

Transforming Ideas into Technological Breakthroughs !!!

Are you a student at AdtU with an Innovative idea?

Apply for the Innovation Grant and turn your technological ideas into reality!

Why Apply for the Innovation Grant?

- **Financial support to transform your Technological Ideas into Reality:** Grant funding up to **Rs. 25000** per project to develop a working prototype of your innovative idea.
- **Potential for Startups:** With a successful prototype, your project could lead to the launch of your own startup.
- **Mentoring and Guidance:** Receive expert mentoring and project support to help bring your idea to life.
- **Patent Opportunities:** Eligible projects have the chance to apply for patents, protecting your innovation.



What Kind of Projects are Eligible?

- **Academic Projects:** Projects undertaken by students as part of their academic curriculum under the guidance of a faculty member. The projects should focus on creating a working prototype and have the potential to develop into a real product.
- **Non-Academic Projects:** Innovative ideas outside the academic curriculum that lead to the development of a working prototype. These projects should focus on creating a working prototype and have the potential to grow into a real product, which may lead to formation of a Startup or technology transfer.

Who Can Apply?

- Any Diploma, UG, PG or PhD student enrolled full-time at Assam down town University.
- Whether you're working individually or as part of a group, this grant is open to you!

Grant Details

- **Grant Amount:** Maximum of Rs. 25,000 per project.
- **How to Apply?:** Applications are submitted via AdtU A-Connect under the 'Innovation Grant' category of Entrepreneurship & Incubation. After submitting through the A Connect app, applicants will receive guidance and support from DISA throughout the entire application and approval process.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. Who is eligible to apply for the Innovation Grant?:** Any full-time Diploma, UG, or PG student at AdtU.
- 2. Can I apply for both academic and non-academic projects?:** Yes! Whether it's part of your curriculum or a side project, as long as it leads to a science and technological prototype, you can apply.
- 3. How much funding can I receive?:** The grant offers up to Rs. 25,000 to help you develop your scientific project.
- 4. Can I apply as a part of a group?:** Absolutely! You can apply individually or as a group, depending on your project.
- 5. What do I need to deliver after receiving the grant?:** You need to develop a scientific prototype with a Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of 4 or higher.
- 6. How do I apply for the grant?:** Simply submit your application through the AdtU ERP system/A Connect app.
- 7. Do I need approval from my faculty supervisor?:** Yes, for academic projects, you need a No Objection Certificate (NOC) signed by your project supervisor. For Non-Academic project, it's not needed.
- 8. How will my project be evaluated?:** Your project will be evaluated by an evaluation committee based on feasibility, innovation, budget justification, and potential for commercialization and/or any other relevant criteria.
- 9. What do I submit after project completion? :** You must provide a Grant Utilization Certificate and a detailed report, including expenses and invoices for purchased equipment and consumables.
- 10. Can I apply for the grant if my project is already supported through any other program of AdtU or external schemes?:** No.
- 11. What if my idea is already patented?:** If your proposed work is already patented, it will not be considered for this grant.
- 12. What's the timeline for the project?:** You should complete your project within the academic semester and submit all necessary documentation by the specified deadline.
- 13. What happens if my project is selected but I need to change my proposal? :** You can submit an updated proposal for evaluation, but any major changes must be approved by the committee.
- 14. Will there be mentoring support available? :** Yes, mentoring support is available from faculty members and innovation experts to guide you through the development of your prototype.
- 15. Can I apply for the grant more than once?:** Yes, students can apply for the grant for different projects, as long as each project is distinct and meets the criteria.
- 16. What kind of projects will fall within the scope?:** Any engineering/technical/scientific projects aimed at developing a working prototype are eligible. Projects that do not focus on technological interventions or lack prototype development are not eligible.
- 17. I am doing an academic project and part of my work is done. but I need financial support to complete it. Will I be eligible?:** Yes, provided your projects fulfill the eligibility norms.
- 18. I have a project idea that I want to develop on my own, but it's not an academic project. Can I apply? :** Yes, you can apply for your own innovative project.
- 19. I want to start a business and need a grant to set it up. Will I be eligible?:** No, if your idea does not lead to innovation and prototype development. If you're planning to start a business and need financial support, feel free to contact Team DISA using the details provided at the end of the brochure.
- 20. What support will I receive for patenting my project? :** DISA will provide support to students in the process of filing a patent for their projects.
- 21. Who should I contact if I have any queries?:** For any queries, please reach out using the contact details provided below.