MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AGRIM GRANT SELECTION COMMITTEE 2026-2027

The AGRIM Grant Selection Committee (2026-27) discussed on November 12, 2026, to consider the requests for AGRIM Grant.

AGRIM Grant Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible for the IITK AGRIM Grant (up to ₹1,00,000), an applicant must satisfy all of the following conditions:

- **Student Status:** Must be a regular, full-time registered Ph.D. scholar at IIT Kanpur. *(Past or present PMRF scholars are not eligible.)*
- **Tenure & Thesis Window:** Must apply before completion of 5 years from the date of first Ph.D. registration or before Ph.D. thesis submission, whichever is earlier. Approved medical leave shall be excluded from the five-year period.
- **Coursework Timeline:** Must have completed all prescribed coursework in accordance with Clause 7.1 of the PG Manual, within the applicable timeline, without dropping any registered course during a regular semester.
- **Academic Milestones:** Must have successfully cleared both the Comprehensive Examination and State-of-the-Art (SoTA) Seminar within the prescribed PG Manual timelines, with not more than one approved extension for both milestones combined.
- **Prior Award:** The grant is one-time and non-renewable. However, eligible scholars who have not fully utilized the sanctioned amount may apply for the unutilized balance, subject to approval and submission of an updated utilization plan.
- **Minimum Evaluation Score (80/100):** Must secure at least 80 marks out of 100, calculated as follows:
    - **Academic Score:** 5 × CPI (Maximum 50 marks).
    - **Research Output Score:** Maximum 50 marks, based on the highest qualifying research output tier (non-cumulative).
- **Qualifying Research Output & Minimum CPI:**
    1. **Q1/Q2 Research Paper:** At least one accepted/published research paper in a Q1/Q2 journal (preferably first-author) – 40 marks; requires a minimum CPI of **8.00**.
    2. **Granted Patent:** Granted patent with at least 25% personal contribution – 50 marks; requires a minimum CPI of **6.00**.

Note: Published review papers, literature surveys and book reviews are excluded. Research output must originate from work conducted at IIT Kanpur. All other prescribed documentary and procedural requirements must also be fulfilled.

Considerations:

- One applicant from the Department of MSE have applied for the AGRIM Grant.
- One applicant from the Department of SPASE have applied for the AGRIM Grant.
- One applicant from the Department of BSBE have applied for the AGRIM Grant.

Details:

252060607 / Niranjan Kumar Singh / MSE

Findings:

- Date of PhD Registration: 05-01-2026
- Date of Comprehensive Exam: 24-02-2026
- Date of Delivery of SOTA Seminar: 05-06-2026
- Extension availed (both together): None
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to AGRIM Grant Application: 0 Years, 9 Months, 24 Days
- Title of the Paper: Microscopic origin of dopant-induced destabilization of the monoclinic insulating phase in vanadium dioxide: a DFT + U study.
- First Author: Yes
- Journal Name: Computational Materials Science
- Journal Level: Q1
- Published / Accepted: Published
- All Prescribed Coursework completed in 1 Year without dropping any registered course (Yes / No): Yes
- CPI (as on date of application): 8.96
- Academic Score: 44.8
- Research Output Score: 40
- Total Evaluation Score: 84.8

22131269 / Vikash Maan / SPASE

Findings:

- Date of PhD Registration: 26-07-2022
- Date of Comprehensive Exam: 14-10-2023
- Date of Delivery of SOTA Seminar: 15-04-2024
- Extension availed (both together): 0
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to AGRIM Grant Application: 4 Years, 3 Months, 10 Days
- Title of the Paper: Galactic X-ray transients in the first eROSITA all sky survey.
- First Author: Yes
- Journal Name: Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
- Journal Level: Q1
- Published / Accepted: Published
- All Prescribed Coursework completed in 1 Year without dropping any registered course (Yes / No): Yes
- CPI (as on date of application): 8.40
- Academic Score: 42.00
- Research Output Score: 40.00
- Total Evaluation Score: 82.00

22118265 / Animesh Kumar Soni / BSBE

Findings:

- Date of PhD Registration: 26-07-2022
- Date of Comprehensive Exam: 13-12-2024
- Date of Delivery of SOTA Seminar: 04-07-2025
- Extension availed (both together): 1
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to AGRIM Grant Application: 4 Years, 3 Months, 14 Days
- Patent Title: Portable Readout Unit for Chemiresistive Sensor (PRUCSOR).
- Patent Contribution: 45%
- Patent Certificate Attached (Yes/No): Yes
- All Prescribed Coursework completed in 1 Year without dropping any registered course (Yes / No): Yes
- CPI (as on date of application): 7.62
- Academic Score: 38.10
- Research Output Score: 50.00
- Total Evaluation Score: 88.10

Committee Decision:

- Niranjan Kumar Singh (Roll No. 252060607), Department of MSE: After due deliberation, the Committee recommended the application for the AGRIM Grant.

- Animesh Kumar Soni (Roll No. 22118265), Department of BSBE: After due deliberation, the Committee recommended the application for the AGRIM Grant.

- Vikash Maan (Roll No. 22131269), Department of SPASE: The Committee noted that, under the AGRIM Guidelines, prior approval of the competent authority is mandatory before any proposed travel is undertaken. In this case, the student undertook the travel without obtaining the required prior approval and subsequently submitted the bills for reimbursement.

  The Committee observed that AGRIM is a travel award and is distinct from regular travel support. Prior approval is therefore an essential condition, and post facto approval cannot be considered under the scheme.

  As the application does not comply with the requirement of prior approval, the Committee decided not to recommend the application for the AGRIM Grant. The student may, if otherwise eligible, apply for the AGRIM Grant for future travel in accordance with the prescribed procedure.



Mr. Utkarsh Tripathi
(Nominee to President Students' Gymkhana)



Prof. Abheejeet Mohapatra
(ADAA)



Prof. Arnab Samanta
(Chairperson, SPGC)



Prof. Sagar Chakraborty
(Chairperson, SUGC)



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