

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University, Ahmedabad

Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Schedule Caste (SC) Cell

Call for Research Proposals

About ST/SC Research Cell:

- The SC/ST cell in Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open University has been functioning since 2002 with the primary objective to provide the benefit of the post-matric scholarship given by the government to the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe students (ST).

The Scheme:

- Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Ami Upadhyay, SC/ST cell invites Research proposals from the students of ST and SC category.

Who can apply:

- The applicants must have Masters' degree in any discipline from the recognized University.

How to apply:

- All the proposals are to be submitted online at stsc.researchcell@baou.edu.in For more information or queries visit <http://iyotirmay.baou.edu.in/ssrcp/index.php/STSC-cell-registration>

Nature of support:

- Funding is provided up to a maximum of Rs. 25,000/- (Twenty-Five thousand)- All inclusive.
- Duration of the research project shall be for a maximum of 6 (Six) months.

Broad Themes:

- Research proposals concerning **"Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe"** in the following broad themes are invited. The title of the research proposals should be connected to the thrust areas concerning **"Schedule Caste/Schedule Tribe"**
 - a) Higher Education
 - b) Social Justice
 - c) Social inequality

- d) Rural-Urban Migration
- e) Sustainable Development Goals
- f) Entrepreneurship
- g) Government Schemes
- h) Modernization

- i) Other relevant areas

Submission guidelines/ Instructions for the research proposals:

- The following elements are important to include:
 - a) Research topic
 - b) Background and context of the study
 - c) Objective of the proposed study
 - d) Literature review
 - e) Methodology
 - f) Expected outcomes
 - g) Proposed timeline/milestones
 - h) Resources needed and available
 - i) Select bibliography or references

- Minimum word limit for the research proposal is 1000 words and maximum 1500 words. Selected research proposals will get funding of INR 25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand) for six months.
- Proposals are accepted in English, Gujarati, Hindi and Sanskrit.
- The research work has to be completed within 6 (Six) months from the date of the approval by the scrutiny and selection committee.
- Authors are requested to follow APA referencing style (7th edition)/MLA.
- All the proposals will be reviewed by the Scrutiny and Selection committee.
- Decision of the Scrutiny and Selection committee will be final.
- Each research proposal as well as the final research report will be mandatorily put through a plagiarism check on anti-plagiarism software by the University. Any proposal or final report scoring 10 (ten) percent plagiarism count will be disqualified or rejected.
- Research proposals submitted under this scheme to the University should not have been submitted or published elsewhere. Concurrent submissions to other publications or journals is viewed as serious breach and will result into disqualification/rejection.

- The authors are solely responsible for any legal matter resulting out of violation of Copyright act.
- The authors are solely responsible for obtaining copyright and other clearances (if any) prior to submitting the research proposal as well as final report.

Points to be consider while formatting the proposal

I.	Page Orientation	Portrait
II.	Page Size	Letter or A4 size
III.	Margins	1 inch from all sides
IV.	Headings	Times New Roman, Bold, Size-14 points, Title case
V.	Sub-Headings	Times New Roman, 12 points, Bold
VI.	Body-text (paragraphs)	Times New Roman, 12 points, Justified

Last date for proposals submission: 28th July, 2021