

Key Features of Augmenting Utilization of Research Assets (AURA) 2024 Scheme

Introduction:

The Government of India invests in R&D infrastructure via various ministries/departments, creating top-notch facilities nationwide in leading educational institutions and national labs. The Office of Principal Scientific Advisor (OPSA) innovative work led to the creation of the I-STEM Portal, aimed at maximizing the use of publicly-funded infrastructure.

To promote the utilization of I-STEM (India Science Technology Engineering facilities Map), AICTE is launching the scheme named AURA (Augmenting Utilization of Research Assets) by providing the financial aid to teachers and students in AICTE approved colleges for utilizing I-STEM facilities and boosting research.

The aim of this initiative is to augment existing research by utilization of public funded hardware and software R&D facilities mapped by I-STEM.

Eligibility:

- Full-time/ regular faculty of AICTE approved institutions, students of PG Scholarship scheme/ADF scheme/QIP Scheme of AICTE and all students of Diploma/ Under Graduate/ Post Graduate studying in AICTE approved Institutions
- This scheme can be availed maximum two times in a faculty/ students career.
- There will be no age limit to avail the benefits of the scheme.
- Duration of project will be of two years.

Financial Support:

- An amount of up to Rs. 2 lakhs would be reimbursed to the researcher to take up a research after submitting the payment receipt for utilization of equipment/ facilities registered on I-STEM Portal.
- Maximum limit of funding is Rs. 2 lakhs per researchers.
- Bills will be submitted on a half yearly basis for reimbursement.

Here are some key dates for AICTE AURA 2024 scheme:

- Launch of the scheme: 20.03.2024
- Scheme is open throughout the year