# **FAQ for AICTE AURA SCHEME 2024**

### Q 1. What is AICTE AURA scheme?

AICTE AURA scheme is to augment existing research that promotes the utilization of I-STEM by providing financial support to teachers and students of AICTE approved institutions

### Q 2. What is the objective of AICTE AURA scheme?

The objective of AICTE AURA scheme is to enhance the Utilization of public funded hardware and software R&D facilities mapped by I-STEM and building a culture for research in technical education institutions.

## Q 3. What is I-STEM portal?

I-STEM is an acronym for Indian Science, Technology and Engineering facilities Map aims to consolidate resources and connect them to researchers for boosting the research and development (R & D) infrastructure within the country. The portal enables researchers from different colleges/institutions to have sufficient access to research facilities and equipment across the country. The resources can be utilized by the researchers through an online reservation system designed in consultation with host institutions and paid for through a secure payment gateway.

## Q 4. Who are eligible to get the benefit of AICTE AURA scheme?

Full time/ regular faculty of AICTE approved institutions, students of PG Scholarship schemes/ ADF scheme/ QIP scheme of AICTE and all students of Diploma, U.G, P.G studying in AICTE approved institutions can get the benefit of AICTE AURA scheme.

## Q 5. Is there any age limit to avail the benefit of the scheme?

There is no age limit to avail the benefit of the scheme.

## Q 6. What is the duration of the project?

Duration of the project is two years.

#### Q 7. How many times scheme can be availed by faculty/ student in their career?

The scheme can be availed maximum two times in a faculty/ student career.

#### Q 8. How much amount is provided to the researcher under this scheme?

An amount of maximum up to 2 lakhs would be provided to the researcher under this scheme.

## Q 9. What is the mode of fund provided to the researcher under this scheme?

The mode of fund provided to the researcher under this scheme is reimbursement.

### Q 10. Which documents are required for reimbursement of the fund?

The payment receipt for utilization of equipment/ facilities registered on I- STEM are required for reimbursement of the fund.

### Q 11. What is the time line for reimbursement of the fund under this scheme?

Bills should be submitted on half yearly basis for reimbursement during the financial year from April to September (before 31<sup>st</sup> October) and October to March (before 30<sup>th</sup> April). The reimbursement will be made maximum twice in a year.

## Q 12. How will the payment be released to the researchers?

The payment will be released online through RTGS/ NEFT directly to the researchers bank account.