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Guidelines for Award for Graduate Research Impact and Merit (AGRIM) Grant

1. Core Concept & Purpose

The IITK AGRIM (Award for Graduate Research Impact and Merit) Grant is an institutional recognition scheme designed to reward research excellence in the early or mid phase of PhD.

Unlike standard travel allowances or post-thesis awards, AGRIM targets early-to-mid tenure doctoral scholars. IITK AGRIM Grant is a **one-time, merit-based award with grant value of up to ₹1,00,000**. This grant is over and above the standard conference travel grant and is non-renewable and non-transferable. Additionally, this grant is non-retrospective, i.e., it is effective from the date of issuing this office order.

2. Permitted Uses of the Grant

The AGRIM Grant must be utilized for high-impact academic and research activities. It can be spent across the following approved categories:

Category A: International Academic Exposure

- Conference, Workshop, or Symposium Registration Fees
- Round-trip International Travel & Visa Processing Fees
- Travel Insurance & Accommodation Expenses
- Summer / Winter School Fees

Category B: Research & Exchange Visits

- Foreign / Indian Host Institution Semester Exchange
- Research Internships
- Joint Degree Programme (JDP) Mobility Visits

Rules of Utilization: All expenses must receive prior written endorsement from your thesis supervisor. Final reimbursements and processing are governed by the prevailing IIT Kanpur Travel Guidelines.

3. Mandatory Eligibility Checklist

Before preparing an application, verify that you satisfy every single condition listed below:

- **Student Status:** You are a regular, full-time registered PhD scholar at IIT Kanpur. [Note: PMRF scholars (past or present) are not eligible for AGRIM].
- **Coursework Timeline:** You completed all prescribed coursework within 1 year (12 months) of your initial registration date without dropping any registered course.
- **Academic Milestones:** You have successfully passed both your Comprehensive Examination and State-of-the-Art (SoTA) Seminar within the prescribed timelines stipulated in the PG Manual, with no more than one approved extension being granted for the two milestones taken together.

- **Tenure Window:** Your application is being submitted before completion of 5 years from the date of first PhD registration or before submission of the PhD thesis, whichever is earlier. (Approved medical leave is excluded when calculating your 5-year limit.)
- **Requirements:** The applicant shall fulfill all other documentary and procedural requirements prescribed by the Institute/Competent Authority from time to time.
- **Prior Award History:** You have not previously received the AGRIM Grant.

4. Detailed Scoring Matrix (100 Marks Total)

Applications are evaluated using a strict 100-mark selection matrix. **You must score at least 80 out of 100 marks to qualify for consideration.**

Formula: Total Evaluation Score (100 Marks) = Academic Score (Max 50) + Research Output Score (Max 50)

Part A: Academic Performance (Maximum 50 Marks)

Your academic performance is calculated directly from your Cumulative Performance Index (CPI) appearing on your transcript:

$$\text{Academic Marks} = 5 \times \text{CPI}$$

- Example: A CPI of 8.40 yields $5 \times 8.40 = 42$ marks.

Part B: Research Output (Maximum 50 Marks)

Research output is rated in distinct tiers based on work done at IIT Kanpur. Please see the Appendix for more details.

Critical Rule (Non-Cumulative Scoring): If you meet the criteria for multiple tiers, you receive marks only for the single highest tier achieved. Marks from different tiers cannot be added together.

Tier	Output Type	Awarded Marks	Verification Proof Needed
Tier 1	Granted Patent(s) with $\geq 25\%$ personal contribution	50 Marks	Official Patent Grant Certificate + Contribution Certificate
Tier 2	≥ 1 Accepted/Published Preferably First-Author Research Paper (Q1/Q2)	40 Marks	Official Publication Link / DOI
Tier 3	≥ 1 Accepted/Published Preferably First-Author Research Paper (Q3/Q4)	25 Marks	Official Publication Link / DOI
Tier 4	≥ 1 Preferably First-Author Submitted Research Paper in Scopus-indexed Journal	10 Marks	Submission Acknowledgement & Official Manuscript ID

Strict Paper Requirements:

- **Authorship:** The student is preferably the first author.
- **Exclusion of Reviews:** Published review papers, literature surveys, and book reviews are strictly excluded.
- **IITK Affiliation:** The research output must originate from work conducted at IIT Kanpur.

5. Qualifying Score Threshold Analysis (The 80-Mark Cut-Off)

Because research scoring is non-cumulative, the minimum threshold of 80 marks creates clear criteria for eligibility:

Path	Research Marks	Required CPI to reach 80
Path 1: Preferably First-Author Research Paper (Q1/Q2)	40 Marks	$\text{CPI} \geq 8.00$ ($5 \times 8.00 = 40$) → Total 80
Path 2: Granted Patent with $\geq 25\%$ personal contribution	50 Marks	$\text{CPI} \geq 6.00$ ($5 \times 6.00 = 30$) → Total 80

Why Q3/Q4 Papers or Submitted Manuscripts Do Not Qualify at 80 Marks:

- **Q3/Q4 Paper (25 Marks):** Would require an Academic Score of 55 marks (CPI=11.0), which is mathematically impossible.
- **Submitted Manuscript (10 Marks):** Would require an Academic Score of 70 marks (CPI=14.0), which is mathematically impossible.

These lower tiers are preserved in the guidelines for potential future adjustments to the cut-off score by the Competent Authority.

6. Application Process & Governance Workflow

Step 1: Self-Audit Eligibility

Verify your CPI and publication status. Calculate your score: Total Score = $(5 \times \text{CPI}) + \text{Research Tier Marks}$. Proceed only if your score is ≥ 80 , your PhD registration duration is under 5 years, your coursework, Comprehensive Exam, and SOTA milestones are cleared, and you have not yet submitted the PhD thesis.

Step 2: Compile Mandatory Evidence

- Prepare supporting documents. Collect the following documents into a single PDF bundle:
- Official Transcript: Showing CPI as on the date of application.
- Milestone Proof: Clearance dates for Coursework, Comprehensive Exam, and SOTA Seminar.
- Research Proof: DOI link / paper PDF for Q1/Q2 publications, OR Patent Certificate + 25% contribution proof.

Step 3: Supervisor Endorsement

Obtain formal recommendation. Fill out the prescribed AGRIM Grant Application Form. Obtain the signature and written endorsement of your PhD supervisor outlining the proposed utilization of the grant.

Step 4: Submission & Selection Committee Review

Administrative processing. Submit the complete dossier to the Office of Dean of Academic Affairs (DOAA). Applications are evaluated by the Selection Committee, comprising the Dean of Academic Affairs (Convener), Associate Dean of Academic Affairs (Member), SPGC Chairperson (Member), SUGC Chairperson (Member), and the President, Students' Gymkhana, or his/her nominee (Member).

Step 5: Sanction & Disbursement

Post-approval execution. Upon committee selection and approval, the DOAA issues an official sanction letter. Grant utilization follows standard IITK travel claim reimbursement and advance rules.

Note: Always refer to the latest official Office Order and Annexure from DOAA, IIT Kanpur for final verification before applying.



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Appendix: Department-wise Journal and Conference Mapping (As on September 25, 2026)

This appendix lists department-specific journals, conferences, and equivalent quality benchmarks recognized for the purpose of the Research Output score (Section 4, Part B) and the Q1/Q2 and Q3/Q4 classifications referred to throughout these guidelines. For the purpose of eligibility, only full-length papers published in peer-reviewed conference proceedings shall be considered. Conference abstracts, extended abstracts, presentation/poser only abstracts, and similar submissions shall not be considered.

The list is compiled on the recommendation of the respective Departments and will be augmented department-wise as further input is received. Where a department is marked “To be updated,” applicants from that department should refer to the general criteria in Section 4 until department-specific guidance is issued by the department concerned.

Department	Equivalence Mapping research output to Journals (Quality Tier)
AE	High Speed Vehicle Science and Technology (HiSST) (Q2) International symposium on shock waves (ISSW) (Q1) AIAA Hypersonic Space Plane and Technology Conference (Q2) International Symposium on Combustion (ISOC) (Q1) Mediterranean Combustion Symposium (MCS) (Q2) European Combustion Meeting (ECM) (Q2) International Colloquium on the Dynamics of Explosions and Reactive Systems (ICDERS) (Q1) International Symposium on Fire Safety Science (IAFSS) (Q2) Asia-Pacific Conference on Combustion (ASPACC) (Q2) US National Combustion Meeting (USNCM) (Q2) European Symposium on Fire Safety Science (ESFSS) (Q2) Asia-Oceania Symposium on Fire Science and Technology (AOSFST) (Q2) International Conference and Exhibition on Fire Science and Engineering (Interflam) (Q2) International Fire Safety Symposium (IFireSS) (Q1) International Conference on Forest Fire Research (ICFFR) (Q2) International Fire Behaviour and Fuels Conference (Q2) International Wildland Fire Safety Summit (Q2/Q3) International Conference on Combustion and Energy Utilization (ICCEU) (Q2) International Conference on Numerical Combustion (ICNC) (Q2/Q3) International Conference on Chemical Kinetics (ICCK) (Q2) International Conference on Combustion Technologies for a Clean Environment – CleanAir (Q2) ASME TurboExpo (Q2) AIAA Hypersonics (Q1) AIAA Propulsion and Energy Forum (Q1) AIAA SCITECH (Q1) AIAA Aviation (Q1) AIAA/CEAS Aeroacoustics Conference (Q1) International Symposium on Turbulence and Shear Flow Phenomena (TSFP) (Q1) International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (ICTAM) (Q1)

	IUTAM Conferences/Symposiums (Q1) APS-DFD Meetings (Q2) Colloquium on Vortex-Dominated Flows (Discover). (Q2) Vertical Flight Society Annual Forum(Q2) European Rotorcraft Forum (held in EU) (Q2) ASME IDETC-CIE (Q2) American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) Fall Technical Meeting (Q2) Complex Fluids Symposium (Q2) International Conference on Multiphase flows. (Q1) Australasian Fluid Mechanics Conference. (Q1) International Symposium on Turbulent and Shear Flows (Q1) International conference on Fluid Mechanics and Fluid Power Conference (FMFP) Q1)
BSBE	<i>To be updated.</i>
CE	Structural Engineering – Q1/Q2 Environmental Engineering – Q1/Q2 Geocongress/Geofrontier – Q1/Q2 Transportation Engineering – Q1/Q2
CGS	<i>To be updated.</i>
CHE	<i>To be updated.</i>
CHM	<i>To be updated.</i>
CSE	<i>To be updated.</i>
DES	Utility/Design Patents granted, Design registration, or Technology capable of transfer at TRL 3–5 Book with a recognized publisher; peer-reviewed book chapter with a recognized publisher such as Springer (a conference paper is not admissible) <i>Q3/Q4 journals should be considered in fields with small research populations and a highly specialised scope.</i>
DoMS	Bachelier Finance Society World Congress – Q1 SIAM Financial Mathematics & Engineering (FM) – Q1 OMI Machine Learning in Quantitative Finance Conference – Q1 SoFiE Annual Conference – Q1 ISI World Statistics Congress – Q1 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM) – Q1 Bernoulli–IMS World Congress – Q1 NeurIPS – Q1 ICML – Q1 Stochastic Processes & their Applications (SPA) – Q1 INFORMS Annual Meeting – Q1 IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC) – Q1 ACM ICAIF – Q1 ICIS – Q1

	AoM Conference – Q1 MSOM Conference – Q1 AMaMeF – Advanced Mathematical Methods for Finance – Q1/Q2 Bachelier Colloquium – Q1/Q2 International Congress on Insurance: Mathematics & Economics – Q1/Q2 CFE – Computational & Financial Econometrics – Q1/Q2 CMStatistics – Q1/Q2 EcoSta – Econometrics & Statistics – Q1/Q2 SIAM Annual Meeting – Q1/Q2 SIAM Conference on Optimization – Q1/Q2 SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification – Q1/Q2 IEEE CIFE_r – Q1/Q2 NUS Quantitative Finance Conference – Q2 PKU–NUS International Conference on Quantitative Finance & Economics – Q2 Vienna Congress on Mathematical Finance – Q2 QFFE – Quantitative Finance & Financial Econometrics – Q2 International Conference on Computational Finance (ICCF) – Q2 NeurIPS Finance / Economics Workshops – Q2 QFRA – Quantitative Finance & Risk Analysis Symposium – Q2/Q3 Workshop on Quantitative Finance (WQF) – Q2/Q3 QuantMinds International – Industry Global Derivatives Trading & Risk Management – Industry Risk Live / Risk.net Quant Events – Industry WBS Quantitative Finance Conferences – Industry
ECOS	<i>To be updated.</i>
EE	<i>To be updated.</i>
ES	<i>To be updated.</i>
HSS	Ecozon@: European Journal of Literature, Culture and Environment, published by University of Alcalá, Spain (ecozona.eu) – Q1/Q2 Ecocene: Cappadocia Journal of Environmental Humanities (ecocene.kapadokya.edu.tr) – Q1/Q2 Landscapes (tandfonline.com/journals/ylan20) – Q1/Q2 Interdisciplinary Literary Studies, published by Pennsylvania State University – Q1/Q2 Journal of Posthuman Studies, published by Pennsylvania State University – Q1 Journal of Posthumanism, published by Transnational Press London – Q1 Bookbird: A Journal of International Children's Literature, International Board on Books for Young People – Q1/Q2 International Research in Children's Literature, Edinburgh University Press – Q1/Q2 Journal of Children and Media, Taylor and Francis – Q1/Q2 Children's Geographies, Taylor and Francis – Q1/Q2

	Children and Society, Wiley – Q1/Q2 Children's Literature Association Quarterly, Johns Hopkins University Press – Q1/Q2 Children's Literature, Johns Hopkins University Press – Q1/Q2
IS	<i>To be updated.</i>
KSS	Proceedings of Supercomputing Conference (SC) – Q1
ME	<i>To be updated.</i>
MSE	<i>To be updated.</i>
MSP	<i>To be updated.</i>
MTH	<i>To be updated.</i>
PHY	<i>To be updated.</i>
PSE	<i>To be updated.</i>
SDS	Q1/Q2 ranking according to any of JCR, SJR, or Scopus index shall be deemed acceptable. CORE A* shall be considered Q1-equivalent; CORE A shall be considered Q2-equivalent. ABDC A* shall be considered Q1-equivalent; ABDC A shall be considered Q2-equivalent. List of CORE A*/A conferences: https://portal.core.edu.au/conf-ranks/ List of ABDC A*/A journals: https://abdc.edu.au/abdc-journal-quality-list
SEE	<i>To be updated.</i>
SPASE	Conference Proceedings: Proceedings of SPIE – Q2 Journals: Experimental Astronomy Journals: Journal of Instrumentation (JINST) Journals: Journal of Astronomical Telescopes, Instruments, and Systems (JATIS) Journals: Journal of Astronomical Instrumentation Journals: RAS Techniques & Instruments (RASTI) Journals: Review of Scientific Instruments Journals: Journal of Astrophysics and Astronomy Journals: IET Microwaves, Antennas & Propagation Journals: International Journal of RF and Microwave Computer-Aided Engineering Journals: International Journal of Microwave and Wireless Technologies Journals: Microwave and Optical Technology Letters Journals: Journal of Plasma Physics Journals: Plasma Science and Technology Journals: Contributions to Plasma Physics
WSAIS	<i>To be updated.</i>