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A report on "How to Write Research Proposal for Funding"

Organized by	: Research & Development Cell
Event name	: How to Write Research Proposal for Funding
Name of the external	: Dr. Y. Narahari
	Professor of Computer Science,
	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
Designation	: Professor
Topic	: Drafting a Funding Proposal
Venue	: Ground floor seminar hall, Visvesvaraya Bhavan
Date & Time	: 18-08-2023 (05:00PM to 6:00PM)
Conducted for	: All the Doctorates and Research Scholars
No. of Faculty Attended	: 72

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1	CIVIL	7
2	EEE	4
3	MECH	12
4	ECE	14
5	CSE	10
6	IT&MCA	5
8	AIML	4
9	H&BS	16
Total No of Faculty Attended		72

Profile of the Speaker

Dr Y Narahari has obtained his BE in 1982, M.E. from School of Automation, IISc in 1984, and Doctoral degre 1987 from Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He did his Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems (LIDS), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge during 1992, and he has joined as Assistant Professor at IISc in February 1988, in the Department of Computer Science and Automation. He worked as the Chair of the Department for 5 years from 2009 –2014. He worked as a Visiting Scientist on sabbatical at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Maryland, USA, during 1997. He worked as the Dean, Division of EECS for 7 Years from 2014 till 2021. He has chaired the Office of DIGITS (Digital Campus and Information Technology Services) for 4 years during 2016- 2020. He is a part of the AI Research Cluster and the Controls and Optimisation Cluster. Since June 1, 2022. He is officiating as Director, Centre for Brain Research, IISc Bangalore. He is an elected fellow of: IEEE, New York ; Indian National Science Academy , New Delhi; Indian Academy of Sciences; Indian National Academy of Engineering, New Delhi; and the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad. Dr Narahari is a recipient of the J.C. Bose National Fellowship from the DST. In 2009, he has received the IISc Alumni Award for Research Excellence in Engineering. He has authored or co-authored three books: Game Theory and Mechanism Design (IISc Press and World Scientific) (2014); Game Theoretic Problems in Network Economics and Mechanism Design Solutions (2009) (Springer Monograph); and Performance Modeling of Automated Manufacturing Systems

(Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs) (1992). He has guided 24 scholars for Ph.D.; 18 scholars for Master's by Research; more than 100 students for M.Tech. projects.

Report

A guest lecture is arranged by ACET-R&D Cell on 18th August 2023 (Friday) from 1.30 PM to 4:00 PM at Visvesvaraya Bhavan Seminar Hall (Ground Floor). Prof Sriraam has successfully completed several DST projects and delivered a lecture on "How to Write Research Proposal for Funding". The doctorates and research scholars attended this program to enhance their knowledge of research funding.

He started the presentation, instructed every researcher to do ten things to accept the funding proposal, and explained all steps mentioned here: 1. Identify the research area and clear objectives 2. Select the right funding call 3. Follow the guidelines 4. Develop a Strong Research proposal, clearly and logically 5. Seek feedback from department colleagues 6. Build a Budget within limits 7. Understand How they evaluate the proposal 8. Take into account the review process by reviewers 9. Fill out all the forms 10. Submit early and keep records. He is also demonstrated sample-filled funding proposals to the audience and explained each and every heading/field. He also discussed reasons for rejecting the proposals.

He suggested that concentrating on collaborative research proposals involves multiple researchers and working teams. It gives leverage to diverse expertise, resources, and perspectives to produce more comprehensive, impactful outcomes, it will chance to improve funding acceptance. At the end of the session, a few faculty members interacted with him and clarified their doubts.

He gives assurance to associate with ACET in future, reviews the research proposals written by faculty, and gives suggestions for improvement.

Overall Feedback from Faculty

Faculty provided feedback to the resource person about writing research funding proposals. The knowledge of Prof. Sriraam on the subject matter is quite impressive and his grasp of the particulars of the research funding process was evident throughout the presentation. He excelled in engaging and interacting with participants. He explained the relevance of the research funding proposals' content process and presented drafted sample proposals. The staff members are very well motivated. Finally, this guest lecture is more valuable to doctorates and research scholars who submit research proposals to funding agencies.

Remarks from Resource Person
Prof. Sriraam was satisfied with the well-organized event and interaction from the R&D department. He was also enthusiastic about the faculty's interest in writing the research funding proposals.

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