



**Government of Karnataka
Department of Information Technology
Biotechnology and Science & Technology**

Invites Nominations/Applications for the following Programmes

Vision Group on Science and Technology (VGST) has been constituted (in October 2008) under the Chairmanship of distinguished scientist Prof. C. N. R. Rao, FRS. The objective of VGST is to encourage and promote science learning, scientific and technological research in educational institutions and research organizations in the state. VGST intends to play a vital role in strengthening educational institutions to meet scientific needs. In this endeavour, the following programmes have been initiated.

A. Seed Money for Scientific Research Programme

The broad purpose of this programme is to promote research and education in basic science/engineering and to provide an opportunity to fresh promising new faculty members to carry out research and to build a scientific career. Research grant up to a maximum of Rs 10.00 lakh will be provided for a researcher depending on the needs of the research area. The grant is to be spent in two years' duration for carrying out scientific research leading to a Ph.D. The research grant is open to faculty members teaching in colleges/universities/research institutions in Karnataka who are below the age of 35 years. The last date for receipt of completed nomination forms is **30 November 2009**.

B. Awards for Research Publications

To promote and encourage quality research publications by faculty members in colleges, universities and research institutions in the state, it is proposed to confer 10 awards for research publications. Each award will carry Rs 25,000/- in cash along with a citation, scroll and medallion. The last date for receipt of completed nomination/application forms is **30 November 2009**.

C. State Outstanding Teacher Awards for Innovative Science Teaching

(1) Science Teachers – High School (2) Science Faculty Members – Under Graduate

To recognize and reward outstanding science teachers who are contributing for efficient science teaching and promoting scientific attitude among students, these awards have been instituted. High School Science teachers and Under Graduate Science faculty members are eligible for these awards. In each category, 10 awards will be conferred. Each award will carry Rs 50,000/- in cash along with a citation, scroll and medallion. The last date for receipt of completed nomination forms is **30 November 2009**.

D. Establishment of Centers of Excellence in Science, Engineering and Medicine Programme

To strengthen existing institutions which are promoting research in basic science, newly emerged and frontier areas of science, engineering and medicine, basic infrastructural facilities in laboratories will be up graded. Each institution will be provided with an annual grant of Rs 25.00 lakh for a period of 3 years. The last date for receipt of completed application forms is **15 December 2009**.

E. Establishment of Centers of Innovative Science Education Programme

It is proposed to establish innovative centers to improve basic science education which includes teaching methodology, skill development and research capability through up gradation of infra-structural facilities in the selected science colleges and universities in the state. Each selected centre will be supported annually with an amount of Rs 10.00 lakh for a period of three years continuously. The last date for receipt of completed application forms is **15 December 2009**.

For full details of the above programmes including eligibility conditions, application/nomination formats and guidelines, please visit the web-site <http://www.kstacademy.org/vgst.html>

Filled-in applications/nominations should be sent through proper channel to the following address on or before the stipulated last dates for submission.

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