

Sub: Scientific Infrastructure Access for Harnessing Academia University Research joint Collaboration (SAHAJ)

The Department of Biotechnology announces the Access of its Research Resources and Facilities supported across the country, by way of **Scientific Infrastructure Access for Harnessing Academia University Research Joint Collaboration (SAHAJ)**. Each DBT Autonomous Institute and DBT supported Infrastructure programme will make available its high end equipments and infrastructure to Research Institutes, Universities, colleges and start-ups / entrepreneurs. Their website reflects Infrastructure facility usage forms with well defined usage charges terms and conditions.

For Students/ researcher who do not have any government or other funding /fellowship or research grant, a special infrastructure Access Grant capped at Rs10.0Lakh/ year will be made available to the host institute to allow these students/ researchers to access the infrastructure on competitive basis. The Director of the institutes hosting the infrastructure facility shall be responsible for review of such applications and the decision making process shall be conveyed in time bound manner not exceeding 4 weeks. The format for application shall carry basic information viz. facilities/equipments to be used. Scope of the study proposed. The details of the application procedure can be accessed at the respective websites of the Institutes hosting these facilities.

2 Guideline for SAHAJ :

- i. The website shall host a well defined link for the facility enumerating the details of user charges, mode of application and timelines for the decision on the applications.
- ii. The user charges shall be separately defined for different categories viz. Research Institutes, Universities (central, state, private) , colleges and start-up/ Entrepreneurs.
- iii. The Infrastructure access from will be online and all booking will be confirmed within 2 weeks.
- iv. Preferably atleast one third of the time shall be allocated to the external users after a clear mapping has been done of how much time is being dedicated for the host users.
- v. The applicants having no government or other funding shall be allowed to put in a request for accessing infrastructure facility with details viz. Scope of the study. Objectives and work plan for using the facility for which cost will be met from the infrastructure Access grant available with each host institute. Since the grant is capped at Rs10.00Lakhs per year per institute, the request shall be considered and supported by the host institute on competitive basis.
- vi. The infrastructure access grant cost shall be met under the contingent grant sanctioned by the DBT. In case the number of requirement considered exceeds Rs10.0Lakh per year, this shall be reimbursed by the Department on actual basis however not exceeding addition Rs10lakhs/year.
- vii. The request for utilizing the facility shall be screened in a time bound manner by request the Director of the host institute and decision conveyed within 4 weeks.