



Guidelines for the Participants

1. Projects should be original and based on new/innovative ideas and must have undergone some exploration and ground-work to prove its feasibility and show impact.
2. The Projects are invited in six Categories/areas – **i) Agriculture, ii) Basic Sciences, iii) Engineering & Technology, iv) Health Sciences and Allied Subjects, Pharmacy, Nutrition, etc. v) Social Sciences, Humanities, Commerce and Law, v) Interdisciplinary Research.**
3. In case of a Group project, only **four members** (the principal investigator and three major contributors) are allowed to participate in the zonal/ International convention. But, only **one member** will be allowed for presentation. The Group is to inform in advance about the Lead Presenter.
4. Entries of the research projects will be purely INSTITUTIONAL and only BONAFIDE fulltime Students/Research Scholars from Undergraduate to Doctoral Degree level are eligible to take part in the convention.
5. **Entry Fee - Rs. 500/- (per student).** The entry fee for **zonal level** competition in the form of **RTGS/ NEFT/ Online to Host University** and the **Registration form** should be sent to the coordinator of the **Organizing University** under intimation to **AIU** (the details of the Host/ Organizing University will be announced soon). **There is no registration fee for International level convention.**
6. Registration is compulsory for all participants. The entries for projects in the convention will be accepted only if **forwarded through the Head of the Institution.**
7. The Projects can be presented in the form of live demonstrations /models / posters/podium (oral) presentation in any aforementioned areas/fields.
8. Each university is allowed to send a maximum number of **six projects** for the **zonal level** Student Research Convention.
9. The duration of the convention will not exceed a maximum of **three days.**
10. The projects will be presented in **two rounds.** In the **first round** the participants will display their projects in poster presentations before a panel of judges. If selected in the first round, the project will be allowed for podium and oral presentation before the panel of Judges in the **second round.** The Specifications of Poster presentation are as follows:
 - a. The Length and Width of the Poster should be **1m X 1m**
 - b. **The Poster shall NOT have any identification mark such as name of the student/presenter, affiliating institutions, names of supervisor/mentors, etc.**



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- c. The Poster shall be clear mention of the problem statement, objective (s), methodology employed, a brief summary of major findings.
11. The host university will provide the required infrastructural facilities like Display/Mounting Boards, space for display, LCD/ overhead projector, etc., required for presentation. In case any special assistance is required the participants may request the Coordinator of the host university for the same at least three days before the Convention starts.
 12. Total time allowed for oral/podium presentation is 10 minutes. **Seven Minutes** for presentation and **Three Minutes** for question-answer.
 13. The host University will provide accommodation, Breakfast, working lunch and dinner to the participants and their team members **free of cost**.
 14. Certification of Participation and mementoes with endorsement of both AIU and Host University will be issued to all the participants.
 15. Unless extraordinary circumstance so warrants the results of the competitions will be declared in the last day of the Convention preferably in the valediction.
 16. The dates and venues for Zonal and International Conventions will be announced in due course. All participants should monitor announcements in the online portal for updates.
 17. Winning Projects will be invited for **International Student Research Conventions** as per the schedule decided by Association of Indian Universities.
 18. Winners in the **International Student Research Convention** will be awarded Cash Prizes along with Certificates and Mementos. The amount of Cash Prize for **first position holders is Rs 75,000, second Position Rs. 50,000 and third position Rs 25,000**. One best project will be selected across all the Five categories which will be awarded a **Gold Medal** along with the cash Prize and certificate.
 19. All these rules shall be strictly adhered to by the students failing which the participant shall be disqualified and debar from participation in the Convention.
 20. The decision of judges will be final and binding on all participants.
 21. In case of any dispute relating to selection and assessment of Projects the appellate authority is the Secretary General, AIU.
