



PROTECT THE IDEA. BUILD THE FUTURE.

Financial Assistance for Intellectual Property (IP) Support
to eligible Innovators & Startups

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The **Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP 2.0)** is a persistent effort by the Education Department, Government of Gujarat to create a holistic innovation & startup ecosystem.

Gujarat Student Startup and Innovation Hub (i-Hub) provides end-to-end support for innovators to develop prototypes and venture into creative projects.

WHAT THIS INITIATIVE UNLOCKS

To provide structured **financial assistance** for securing Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs), promoting innovation and safeguarding novel ideas.

MAXIMUM IP SUPPORT GRANT

UPTO INR 5 LAKH

WHO CAN APPLY?

UPTO 35 YEARS

AGE LIMIT FOR APPLICANTS

For students, innovators, and startup founders fulfilling any one eligibility condition.

ELIGIBILITY

- Student or alumni eligible under **SSIP 2.0**
 - Startup registered under **Gujarat ROC & recognized by DPIIT**
 - Already availed benefits under **any GoG startup scheme**
 - Beneficiary of any **i-Hub flagship program**
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SUPPORT FOR EVERY VENTURE STAGE

01

IDEATION

Pre-Prototype & Proof of
Concept (PoC)

02

VALIDATION

Minimum Viable Product
Product (MVP)

03

EARLY STAGE

Entering the market with
with initial traction

04

GROWTH

Scaling operations,
revenue, and expansion
expansion

Selection process

A four-stage evaluation from application to final approval



STEP 1

Online application

Through the online/digital mechanism prescribed by i-Hub Gujarat



STEP 2

Initial scrutiny

i-Hub internal team checks eligibility and application requirements



STEP 3

Preliminary screening

Eligible proposals evaluated by the Primary Selection Committee



STEP 4

Final approval

Selection approved by the Final Approval Committee



Preference may be given to proposals demonstrating a clear pathway towards product validation, customer adoption, commercialisation, or scale-up, in accordance with the applicable provisions, guidelines, and norms of the scheme.

HOW THE GRANT IS DISBURSED

70%

FIRST INSTALMENT



30%

SECOND INSTALMENT



Payments are made directly to the **Empaneled IP Facilitator**. The 30% balance is released upon 70% utilization of the first instalment and submission of the Utilization Certificate.

IMPORTANT COMPLIANCE CONDITIONS

CERTIFICATES Progress Report

Final Utilization Certificate (UTC) & Progress Report (PR) must be submitted after completion of the IP grant process.

VERIFICATION

i-Hub may undertake physical, physical, virtual, or third-party party verification wherever considered necessary.

REPAYMENT

Unutilized balances must be returned. Misuse of funds results results in immediate recovery actions.

GRANT VALIDITY PERIOD

2 YEARS

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SUPPORT PROVISIONED BY IP TYPE

TYPE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)	FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVISIONED (UP TO)
Patents (Domestic / International)	INR 75,000 / INR 1.5 LAKH
Copyrights	INR 8,000
Trademarks	INR 12,500
International Registration of Marks	INR 50,000
Industrial Design	INR 9,000
Plant Variety Registry	INR 33,000
Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout Design Registry (SICLDR)	INR 15,000

* As per Guidelines for IPR Support under SSIP 2.0. Total grant up to INR 5 Lakh.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Financial Assistance for Intellectual Property (IP) Support Scheme?

Financial Assistance for Intellectual Property (IP) is a flagship initiative of **i-Hub Gujarat** under **SSIP 2.0**, designed to provide financial assistance to eligible innovators and startups for securing Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs). The initiative aims to reduce the financial burden associated with IP protection and encourage innovators and startups to protect their novel ideas, technologies, products and services.

2. What is the maximum financial assistance available under the scheme?

Eligible beneficiaries can avail of financial assistance of **up to INR 5 Lakh**, subject to the applicable IP category, prescribed support limits, eligibility criteria and approval under the scheme guidelines.

3. Who can apply for IP Financial Assistance?

Any **student, innovator, startup founder/co-founder, director or partner up to 35 years of age** may be eligible, provided they fulfil **at least one** of the prescribed eligibility conditions under the scheme.

4. What are the eligibility conditions?

The applicant must fulfil at least one of the following conditions:

- Student or alumni eligible for benefits under **SSIP 2.0**.
- Startup registered under **Gujarat ROC** and recognized by **DPIIT**.
- Beneficiary who has availed benefits under **SSIP 2.0**.
- Beneficiary who has availed benefits under any **Government of Gujarat startup scheme**.
- Startup/innovator who has availed benefits under any scheme implemented by **i-Hub Gujarat** or is a beneficiary of an **i-Hub flagship programme**.

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5. Is there an age limit for individual applicants?

Yes. The applicant, such as a student, innovator, founder, co-founder, director or partner, should be **up to 35 years of age**, subject to the applicable eligibility conditions.

6. Can startups apply for the scheme?

Yes. Eligible startups can apply, particularly startups that satisfy the prescribed conditions such as **Gujarat ROC registration and DPIIT startup recognition**, or have availed benefits under SSIP 2.0, Government of Gujarat startup schemes, or eligible i-Hub schemes/programmes.

7. What types of Intellectual Property are supported?

The scheme provides support for various categories of IPR, including:

- **Patents**
- **Copyrights**
- **Trademarks**
- **International Registration of Marks**
- **Industrial Designs**
- **Plant Variety Registry**
- **Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout Design Registry (SICLDR)**

8. Does the product need to be market-ready before applying?

No. The scheme is intended to support innovators and startups at different stages, from **ideation and PoC to growth and scaling**. However, the proposed IP should demonstrate **originality, innovation or distinctiveness**, as applicable to the relevant IPR category.

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9. At what stage can an innovator or startup apply?

Innovators and startups can avail of IP support at different stages, including:

1. **Ideation / Pre-Prototype / Proof of Concept (PoC)**
2. **Validation / Minimum Viable Product (MVP)**
3. **Early Stage**
4. **Growth / Revenue / Scaling**

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11. What is the objective of providing IP financial assistance?

The scheme aims to:

- Promote innovation and creativity.
- Encourage protection of novel ideas and technologies.
- Reduce the financial burden of IP protection.
- Enable innovators and startups to secure appropriate IPRs.
- Strengthen the innovation and startup ecosystem in Gujarat.
- Support the journey from **Idea/PoC towards Product/Market Stage**.

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12. Can an applicant apply for more than one type of IP?

Yes, it can be apply for multiple patent but under the budget given, an applicant may seek support for applicable IPR categories, subject to the **scheme guidelines, eligibility requirements, permissible limits and approval by i-Hub Gujarat.**

13. Does the proposed IP need to be innovative or original?

Yes. The proposed IP should demonstrate **originality, innovation or distinctiveness**, as applicable to the relevant IPR category.

14. Can an existing i-Hub beneficiary apply?

Yes. Startups or innovators who have **availed benefits under any scheme currently implemented by i-Hub Gujarat or are beneficiaries of an i-Hub flagship programme** may be eligible, subject to fulfilment of other applicable conditions.

15. Can a beneficiary of a Government of Gujarat startup scheme apply?

Yes. Beneficiaries who have availed benefits under **any startup scheme of the Government of Gujarat** may be eligible, subject to the prescribed conditions.

16. Can SSIP 2.0 students and alumni apply?

Yes. **Students and alumni eligible for benefits under SSIP 2.0** can apply, subject to the applicable eligibility criteria.

17. Is the financial assistance automatically approved after application?

No. Submission of an application does **not automatically guarantee financial assistance**. Applications will be evaluated and processed as per the applicable **SSIP 2.0 IPR Support Guidelines and i-Hub Gujarat's prescribed process.**

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18. What documents are required to apply?

Applicants may be required to submit relevant documents supporting their eligibility and IP application, such as:

- Applicant identity and age proof
- Student/alumni proof, wherever applicable
- Startup registration/incorporation documents
- DPIIT recognition certificate, wherever applicable
- SSIP 2.0 or Government of Gujarat scheme benefit proof, wherever applicable
- i-Hub scheme/programme beneficiary proof, wherever applicable
- Details and documents related to the proposed IP
- Relevant IP application/registration documents
- Supporting technical/product information, wherever applicable
- Any other documents prescribed by i-Hub Gujarat

19. What happens after submitting the application?

The application will undergo scrutiny/assessment for **eligibility, completeness and compliance with the applicable scheme guidelines**. Additional information or documents may be requested from the applicant, wherever required.

20. What does “up to INR 5 Lakh” mean?

“Up to INR 5 Lakh” represents the **overall maximum assistance available under the initiative**, subject to the applicable IP category-wise limits, scheme guidelines, eligibility and approval. It does not mean that every applicant will automatically receive INR 5 Lakh.

TAKE THE **NEXT STEP.**

FOR ANY QUERIES, REACH US AT

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THANKING YOU

About i-Hub : i-Hub is an incubation centre established under the SSIP by the Education Department, Government of Gujarat, and is registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013. i-Hub serves as a catalyst for strengthening the startup ecosystem throughout Gujarat, through its cohesive strategies and efforts to develop an entrepreneurial mindset among the youth. By linking students, academia, and industry, i-Hub bridges the gap between "Mind to Market," encouraging collaboration and innovation throughout the entrepreneurial journey.



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