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To,

All the Students, Researchers, Faculty Members, Colleges, Start-ups and Registered Indian Patent Agents.

Subject: Revised guideline for students, researchers, faculty members or start-ups (who are students or passed out in last five academic years) to avail financial assistance towards filing and prosecution of **Trademark**, **Design and Copyright Application** on their respective trade name/design/creation through GTU IP Facilitator's under Student Start-up Innovation Policy (SSIP).

Dear

All the Students, Researchers, Faculty Members, Start-ups and Registered Indian Patent Agents.

In our endeavor to inculcate culture of innovation amongst the students, researchers, faculty member or start-ups (who are students or passed out in last five academic years) and to provide a conducive environment for optimum harnessing of their creative pursuit, **The Education Department, Government of Gujarat** had issued **Student Start-up and Innovation Policy (SSIP) 2017-2021**, vide G.R. No. PRC/2016/IPIES/DS/S/710197, dated: 11/01/2017.

In the recent development the Government has revised said IPR guideline under SSIP policy vide no. GKS/SSIP/2021-22/IPR Guideline/31, dated: 08/06/2021 for extending support for End-to-End IP facilitation to facilitate young innovators and entrepreneurs in protecting their Intellectual Property Rights, wherein the financial assistance has been

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extended from filing to prosecution of the respective IPR. In view of the aforesaid, **GTU Innovation Council (GIC)** under **Gujarat Technological University** which is committed to promote and protect IPR under the visionary leadership of **Prof. Dr. Navin Sheth**, the Vice Chancellor of GTU, revise the previous IPR guideline of GTU vide no. GTU/GIC/IPR/2020/0013/1945, dated 18/02/2020 and realize said revised IPR guideline under SSIP Policy in the same.

In view of the above, the financial assistance provided under the revised IPR guideline under SSIP Policy will be disbursed by GTU according to the Annexure-1 at different stages of Filing and Prosecution of Trademark, Design and Copyright applications. The revised scheme guideline for End-to End facilitation under SSIP Policy is made effective from 01/10/2021 by GTU, and reimbursement will only be done towards the bills/invoices generated and dated after said date. Furthermore, those Trademark, Design and Copyright applications which were filed by beneficiaries in past by availing assistance under SSIP Policy through GTU, are also entitled to claim assistance under revised guideline. The present guideline of GTU shall be read in conjunction with the previous guideline of GTU vide no. GTU/GIC/IPR/2020/0013/1945, dated 18/02/2020.

In view of the aforesaid, GTU is extending functions and duties of the empanelled Facilitators to realize the objective of End-to-End IP facilitation under SSIP Policy to the beneficiaries stated previously in the guideline of GTU vide no. GTU/GIC/IPR/2020/0013/1945, dated 18/02/2020 and nowhere herein the revised guideline limiting the functions and duties of the empanelled Facilitators.

The procedural requirements and process flow for the disbursement of the financial assistance shall be the same as stated in the previous IPR guideline of GTU vide no. GTU/GIC/IPR/2020/0013/1945, dated 18/02/2020.

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For the effective realization of the SSIP Policy, GTU-GIC reserves the right to recommend IP Facilitator to the beneficiary after thorough consultation with the University screening committee based on the educational qualification of the IP Facilitator and experience in the concerned field. The aforesaid clause shall supersede in case of any conflict with the previous guideline of GTU vide no. GTU/GIC/IPR/2020/0013/1945, dated 18/02/2020.

Further, to encourage young innovators and entrepreneurs, GTU-GIC is herewith framing two way approaches to reach GTU-GIC with their respective innovative subject matter.

- I. Through Workshop: Those students, innovators and entrepreneurs who are not aware with IPR subject matter shall first attend the IPR workshop organized by GTU-GIC, wherein they will familiarize themselves with the concept of IPR that will further help them to identify IP or the novel and inventive aspects in their project. Thereafter, their concerned project will be first assessed by the University IP Screening Committee and on approval, the facilitation will be done under revised SSIP guideline.
- II. **Walk-in**: In an exceptional circumstance where the student, innovator or entrepreneur has imminent threat to their brand, creation or design from the third-party or involuntarily disclosed the same in the public domain which is intended to be protected under IPR regime, they can directly approach GTU-GIC for expedite assistance, where University IP Screening Committee will assess the project and on approval, the facilitation will be done under revised SSIP guideline.

Note:

a. The procedural requirements and the process flow for the assessment of project shall be the same as stated in the previous IPR guideline of GTU vide no.

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- b. The disbursement of financial assistance at different stages of Filing and Prosecution of Trademark, Copyright or Design Application shall be done according to Annexure-1.
- c. The mechanism, notes, terms and conditions, rules, norms, procedural aspects etc. for beneficiaries and facilitators shall be the same as stated in the previous IPR guideline of GTU vide no. GTU/GIC/IPR/2020/0013/1945, dated 18/02/2020, unless otherwise explicitly stated herein.

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Annexure-1 Table-01

Copyright							
Category	Official Fees	Professional Fees (INR)					
	(INR)	(Including GST)					
Fees for Copyright application	500	INR 2000					
preparation and registration							
(Literature work, Dramatic Musical							
or Artistic Work including of such as							
Software, computer applications,							
cartoon character etc.)							
Fees for copyright application	2000						
preparation and registration (Audio							
Recording or Music Album)							
Fees for copyright application	2000						
preparation and registration		INR 3000					
(Literary or Artistic work in relation							
to any goods or services)							
Fees for copyright application	5000						
preparation and registration							
(Cinematographic work)							
Fees for preparing notice for							
attending hearing, attending any							
number of hearing or filing response		INR 3000					
for any objections for said case and							
obtaining intimation for issuance of							
registration certificate.							

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Table-02

Trademark				
Government Fees				
Forms	Natural person(s)			
	Or Individuals			
Form TM-A : Application for TM	INR 4500			
Professional Charges				
Services	Professional			
	Fees (INR)			
	(including GST)			
Trademark search for all applicable proposed classes (Providing	INR 3000			
Opinion on conflicting marks) and Filing application per class				
(including of all relevant documents like affidavit and other				
documents preparation)				
Reply to any numbers of examination report for said case till issuance	INR 3000			
of Trademark Registration Certificate				
Preparing notice for attending hearing and attending any number of	INR 2000			
hearing for said case till issuance of Trademark Registration Certificate				
Total	INR 12500			

^{*}Note: Trademark filing support will be given to only student startups who have registered enterprises and the founder, co-founder can avail this as per SSIP mandate

Table-03

International Registration of Marks	Charges – Office fees + Professional	
(Madrid System)	Charges (Including GST)	
Filing of International Registration of marks		
Charges of prosecuting International mark	Upto 50000 INR*	



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application	n in	respective	nι	ımbers	of
countries	till	assurance	of	certific	ate
including all desired action					

*Note: International registration of marks filing fees depends on the numbers of countries chosen by applicant. It is advised to have a list of countries of applicant's interest ready and get proper estimate of fees before proceeding.

Amongst all the estimated fees, SSIP shall bear fees mentioned in above table. All fees, in addition to the mentioned amount shall be borne by the applicant/beneficiary.

Table-04

Industrial Design				
Government Fees				
Forms	Natural person(s)			
Application for registration of design	INR 1000			
Professional Charges				
Services	Professional			
	Fees (INR)			
	(Including GST)			
Design search for proposed product in multiple class (Providing	INR 3000			
Opinion on conflicting design) and filing a design application				
Reply to any numbers of examination report for said case till issuance	INR 3000			
of Design Registration Certificate				
Fees for preparing notice for attending any number of hearing for said	INR 2000			
case till issuance of Design Registration Certificate				
Total	INR 9000			

Sd/-Registrar