CALL FOR PROPOSAL



# BIRAC ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PROPOSAL UNDER EYUVA SCHEME FOR BIRAC'S E-YUVA & INNOVATION FELLOWS LAST DATE TO APPLY – 31ST OCT 2026 05:30 PM

## INTRODUCTION

E-YUVA (Empowering Youth for Undertaking Value Added Innovative Translational Research) scheme aims to promote a culture of applied research and need-oriented (societal or industry) entrepreneurial innovation among young students and researchers.

The scheme provides support for students under the following two categories:

1. BIRAC's E-YUVA Fellows (for pursuing undergraduate students)

2. BIRAC's Innovation Fellows (for PG and PhD degree holders)

Fellows will be selected through a national-level application and shortlisting process in collaboration with E-YUVA Centres and BioNEST Knowledge partners

## KEY FEATURES OF THE CALL

The E-YUVA Scheme aims to provide the following support to promote a culture of translational research and entrepreneurial projects:

• Fellowship

• Annual Research grant

• Incubation support in any of the 9 recently established E-YUVA centers

• Mentoring by BioNEST Bioincubator centres

**BIRAC's E-YUVA Fellows** shall apply as a team and pursue their research work at their College/University labs and will also be allowed access to facilities at E-YUVA Centre and it's Knowledge Partners as and when required. It will be mandatory for all the fellows to spend 3-4 weeks at EYC/EYC Knowledge Partner during their fellowship period.

**BIRAC's Innovation fellows** shall apply as individuals and are required to work full-time at EYC. BIRAC's Innovation Fellows are expected to initiate biotech start ups. Hence, only proposals with the potential to commercialize innovative products and technologies will be considered for support.

**Proposal category:** It can be submitted in any domain including Healthcare, Lifesciences, Diagnostics, Medical Devices, Drugs, Vaccines, Drug Formulations and delivery systems, Industrial Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Agriculture, Secondary agriculture, Waste Management, Sanitation, Clean Energy and Artificial Intelligence/IoT/ Automation with application in any of these areas.

**E-YUVA Centers (EYC):** E-YUVA scheme is implemented through dedicated hubs called E-Yuva Centers (EYCs). Each EYC has a BIRAC supported pre-incubation space which offers infrastructure and equipment for basic research and experimentation by selected students. EYCs act as anchors and extend requisite support and mentoring to students. BIRAC has established 19 E-YUVA Centres across the nation.

The 4th call is inviting application under nine recently established center:

1. Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur

2. University of Kashmir, Srinagar

3. Central University of Punjab, Batindha

4. AKS University, Satna

5. Central University of Rajasthan, Ajmer

6. Kannur University, Kannur

7. Shoolini University, Solan

8. College of Horticulture and Forestry, CAU, Pasighat

9. Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Srinagar

**Application process:**

Applications need to be submitted online by creating a user account.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

The scheme provides support for students under the following two categories:

**1. BIRAC's E-YUVA Fellows (for undergraduate students)**

Eligibility Criteria:

• Students who are pursuing under graduation. Apply as a team.

• A team should comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 Indian students from Indian Institutes/colleges pursuing under graduation in any domain. Teams with students from different disciplines are encouraged. One team can have students from the same/different college/institute.

• The team should be supported by a mentor/guide

BIRAC encourages application from 1st /2nd year students

**2. BIRAC's Innovation Fellows (for post-graduates and PhDs)**

Eligibility Criteria:

**Post-Doctoral Fellow:**

• Applicants who have completed their Ph.D in any field of science

• The fellow should apply within 2 years of completion of their degree (females are exempted from this condition)

**Post Graduate Fellow:**

• Applicants who have completed their Masters in any field of science.

• The fellow should apply within 3 years of completion of their degree (females are exempted from this condition)

**Note:**

• BIRAC's Innovation fellows are required to work full-time at EYC

• Students pursuing PhD or Postgraduate cannot be considered for a fellowship grant

• Selected fellows cannot pursue a PhD or Postgraduate during the fellowship tenure

## HOW TO APPLY?

Online application submission needs to be done through BIRAC website.
Applicants need to create a user account on BIRAC's website (For E-YUVA fellows, any one team member can create the user account on behalf of the team) followed by filling up of online application form.

For details, Kindly go through the E-YUVA scheme guidelines (./webcontent/1658838527_EYUVA_Guideline_Version_1.1.pdf)

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## ANNOUNCEMENT DATE | LAST SUBMISSION DATE

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