Academic Support Guideline

1 Overview

- 1.1 The Energize Nepal Program (ENEP) supports 30 MS/ME students and 15 PhD students in total.
- 1.2 The support for MS/ME students will be for:
 - 1.2.1 MS/ME : Amount not exceeding NRs 75,000.00
 - 1.2.2 Ph.D. : Amount not exceeding NRs 150,000.00
- 1.3 The support can be utlized as fellowship but, should not exceed the amount mentioned in 1.2:
 - 1.3.1 Fellowhip

MS/ME : NRs 6,250.00 per month Ph.D. : NRs 12,500 per month

2 Preamble

- 2.1 The purpose of this document is to provide the guidelines for students to present their proposal, selection and conditions of the fellowship support provided by ENEP.
- 2.2 The guidelines may be amended, as and when required. These amendments will be published on the ENEP website and will be effective immediately upon publication.
- 2.3 Announcement for call for proposal for academic support will be floated by ENEP on the Kathmandu University website and ENEP website as per its plan.

3 **Program Description**

- 3.1 The objective of the Program is to encourage the students to pursue higher education in Nepal.
- 3.2 Total of 30 MS/ME students and 15 Ph.D. students will be awarded in total by the Program.
- 3.3 Total of 3 (three) announcements will be floated by ENEP.
- 3.4 The funding is provided to the registered/admitted students currently pursuing Masters or PhD level at academic institutions of Nepal.
- 3.5 Students with disability and from marginalized groups will be prioritized.
- 3.6 Students without other support will be prioritized.
- 3.7 The student's work should be related to the theme of ENEP

4 Eligibility Criteria

- 4.1 The student should have been admitted and have at least more than six months to spend at academic institution prior to graduation
- 4.2 The student should work under the guidance of faculty at the respective institution.
- 4.3 The application should be recommended by the supervisor or Head of the respective Department (HoD).

5 General Conditions

- 5.1 The amount is directly deposited to the student's bank account after approval from ENEP.
- 5.2 The students whoever receives the fellowship should indicate the support from EnergizeNepal (ENEP) in the acknowledgement section of their thesis/dissertation and any other publications related to their ME/MS or Ph.D degree.
- 5.3 Non-performance and non-compliance to the conditions may result in discontinuation of further support. ENEP reserves the rights to discontinue the fellowship.

6 Evaluation Criteria and Evaluation Team

- 6.1 The applicant will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria:
 - 6.1.1 Submission of all the requested documents (10%)
 - 6.1.2 Prior academic excellence (20%)
 - 6.1.3 Prior academic experience (publication, teaching and research experiences) (20%)
 - 6.1.4 Quality of research proposal and activity plan (50%)
- 6.2 Evaluation team compromises of
 - 6.2.1 One representative allocated by School of Engineering
 - 6.2.2 One representative from Operation Management Committee (OMC),
 - 6.2.3 One representative/expert allocated by PMU.

7 Application Procedure

- 7.1 A complete set of application comprises the followings:
 - 7.1.1 Applicant's Profile
 - 7.1.2 Copy of Academic Documents & Citizenship
 - 7.1.3 Admission letter from academic institution
 - 7.1.4 Motivation letter
 - 7.1.5 Research proposal
 - 7.1.6 Activity plan for the expected support period
 - 7.1.7 Recommendation from supervisor or HoD
 - 7.1.8 A statement indicating receipt/or not of any other fellowship (self-declaration)
- 7.2 The application should be sent in single pdf file through e-mail at energizenepal@ku.edu.np.

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Note: Email us prior to visiting the office for a physical meeting.