



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**Scholarship Support to students from
Economically Weaker Section pursuing
higher education in STEM courses**

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Scholarship Support to students from Economically Weaker Section who want to or are pursuing higher education in STEM courses

Nasscom Foundation intends to support students from economically weaker backgrounds with scholarship pursuing higher education in STEM from 4 States i.e., Delhi, Chennai (max. proximity 20 kms), Bengaluru (max. proximity 20 kms), Hyderabad in collaboration with NGO or for-profit partners.

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1. BACKGROUND

Part of the Nasscom ecosystem, Nasscom Foundation for the last 23 years has been at the forefront of catalyzing positive change within marginalized communities through a multitude of impactful initiatives leveraging the transformative potential of technology. They are the only not for profit outfit, representing the Indian Tech Industry and remain rooted to our core philosophy of TechForGood, where our efforts are focused on unlocking the power of technology by creating access and opportunity for those who need it most. We work on helping people and institutions transform the way they tackle social and economic challenges through technology.

2. ABOUT THE PROJECT

Nasscom Foundation intends to support students from economically weaker backgrounds with scholarship pursuing higher education in STEM from 4 States i.e., Delhi, Chennai (max. proximity 20 kms), Bengaluru (max. proximity 20 kms), Hyderabad in collaboration with NGO or for-profit partners.

Marginalized students—including those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, underrepresented castes, and first-generation learners—face significant barriers in accessing and succeeding in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. These barriers encompass financial constraints, systemic discrimination, lack of mentorship, and inadequate institutional support, all of which contribute to their underrepresentation in STEM fields. The goal of the project is to enhance access to quality STEM education for marginalized students, thereby fostering diversity and equity in the scientific and technological workforce.

The indicative timelines of the project are as follows:

Particulars	Timeline
Project Commencement Date	15 th September 2025
Project End Date	31 st January 2026

The students should be studying in colleges at below specific locations -

State
Delhi
Chennai (max. proximity 20 kms)
Bengaluru (max. proximity 20 kms)
Hyderabad

3. INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

Inviting proposals for executing Scholarship project, supporting students from economically weaker backgrounds pursuing higher education in STEM from 4 States i.e., Delhi, Chennai (max. proximity 20 kms), Bengaluru (max. proximity 20 kms), Hyderabad.

4. RFP SUBMISSION SCHEDULE & TIMELINE

The following table is an overview of the selection activities and timeline.

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME
RFP Release Date	25 th August'25
Final submission of RFP document (in shared format)	31 st August'25

Project Timeline- September 2025 to January 2026

5. DETAILS OF RFP

S N.	Particulars	Details
1.	Beneficiary Profile	Students from economically weaker background pursuing STEM courses (2 nd & 3 rd year (in case of 3 year course) / 3 rd & 4 th year (in case of 4 year course) students with preference to final year students)
2.	Nature/Scope of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finalise implementation plan - Outreach and mobilization support to spread awareness about the scholarship. - Application support, due-diligence of applications, documents verification, shortlisting of applications, finalization of scholarship award. - Ensure students on-boarded meet pre-defined scholarship criteria – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3rd & 4th year Students pursuing courses in B.E. / B.Tech in Computer Science or related fields, Pharmacy, Nursing, Life sciences. ○ Applicants studying in any government or private institutes in Delhi / Bengaluru / Chennai / Hyderabad ○ Applicants should be residents & studying in Delhi / Bengaluru / Chennai / Hyderabad ○ Applicants must have scored minimum 65% marks in class 12th ○ Preference to be given to SC, ST, OBC, PwD, single parent,

		<p>orphan and girls applicants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicants must have annual family income from all sources up to INR 8 lakh ○ Children of employees of Implementation partners and/or donors are not eligible to participate in the scholarship
3	Average per student scholarship support	INR 30,000/-
4	Number of students	147
5	Proposals Requested by	Nasscom Foundation, Plot 7 to 10, Sector 126, Noida – 201303
6	Period of Validity of Proposal	The proposals shall be valid for 60 days from the date of submission.
7	Tenure of Contract	Tenure of Contract would be effective from the date of agreement till 10 th Jan 2026

6. PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Following details to be included in the proposal:

- Cover Page
 - Section 1 - Implementation Partner Details to be filled in by the Requesting Organization:

i.	Name	
ii.	Registered Address	
iii.	Tel. No./Fax No./e-mail ID	
iv.	Constitution (Society/Trust/Company - Please indicate.)	
v.	Is the organization a “For Profit Organization” or “Not for Profit Organization”	
vi.	Tax Exemption Details (If any)	
vii.	Registration details: Act under which registered, State, date of registration	
viii.	Registration Number/ CIN Number with date of and address of registration	
ix.	Does organization has 80G Certificate	

x.	Does Organization has 12A Certificate	
xi.	Does Organization has FCRA Certificate	
xii.	Has a Government Department/ Ministry ever blacklisted or imposed funding restrictions on the organization? (Please provide details, if yes)	
xiii.	Does Nasscom Foundation & your organization have had/would have any previous partnership?	
xiv.	Does the organization have audited Accounts & Balance Sheets for the last three years, indicating receipts, payments, closing balance, income-expenditure statements	
xv.	Certificate of agency that members are not involved in political activities, nor being blacklisted	
xvi.	A certificate to the effect that the officials / staff of the organization are not employees of any Govt./Semi Govt. or PSU.	
xvii.	Certificate of agency that contribution received from Nasscom Foundation would be used only for given project .	
xviii.	Does your organization have any prior experience in supporting EWS students with Scholarship	

○ Section 2 – Technical Proposal

- Implementation partner details -
 - Introduction – Company overview, Vision, Mission, Values, Goals
 - Organizational structure
 - On-going projects
- Understanding of Scope of Work
- Proposal with Implementation Plan
- Selection Criteria
- Details of existing technological support/ mechanism to manage end to end scholarship process
- Innovation in the project
- Gantt Chart
- Risk mitigation measure
- Financial Proposal (with a bracket of total scholarship amount as 44 lacs)
- Details of existing network of colleges/ other relevant stakeholders in the desired state for outreach and mobilization.
- Basic ‘human impact stories’ (case studies) framework
- Details of relevant previous experience (Implementation, target groups, budget, timeline, client/donor)

RESOURCE REQUIREMENT

- Proposed Organogram with job description (as annexure)
- Resume of the management team and ground team to be enclosed as annexure

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

- Detailed project plan with timelines and existing technology led scholarship management system – please share features of the platform/ app

MONITORING & EVALUATION MECHANISM:

- Please mention what will be the monitoring mechanism for the proposed project

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL FORMAT

- Detailed budget breakup (*template shared in annexure 1*)
- Due Diligence documents (*list shared in annexure 2*)

APPLICATION DETAILS

For the interested organization, one electronic copy of the RFP response must be submitted to Nasscom Foundation via email with RFP number mentioned in the subject line by close of business Date – 31st August 2025 to rfp@nasscomfoundation.org

ANNEXURE

Annexure 1

Template for sharing the detailed budget breakup. Please note, the post should be in accordance to the specified timeline.

Budget Break up						
Items	Unit Rate	No of Units	UoM	Total	Remarks	

*** Please include per student scholarship amount separately and other expenses separately.**

Annexure 2:

Due Diligence document for IP selection (all the documents need to be attached as a separate file)

Organizational Requirement	Status
MOA	

AOA	
Certificate of incorporation/Registration (Should be older than 3 years)	
Shop Establishment Proof	
12A & 80G registration	
Shareholding pattern	
Minutes of last board meeting held	
Board composition	
Organizational Policies (procurement, HR, Finance)	
Audit report of last 3 FY	
Audited Financials for last 3 FY	
IT & TDS returns of last 3 years	
GST returns of last 3 years	
PF Returns	
Major clients and details(MOU) in past 2 years	
Client reference	
CSR /FCRA registration & renewal	
Further requirements	
Draft financials for Current year	
Current monthly GST return	
Bank Statement	
Cancelled Cheque/Bank account confirmation	