

## INDO-GERMAN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (IGSTC)

A Bilateral Institution of Government of India (DST) and Federal Government of Germany (BMBF)

File No. IGSTC/WISER 2023/LG/38/2023-24 /774

Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

### AWARD LETTER

**Subject:** Sanction of WISER award to Dr. Lata Gawade, Assistant Professor, Goa University for the project titled "Understanding and implementing IMTA: An efficient technology towards sustainable mariculture, carbon sequestration, and blue economy boost" - Release of grant for Year 1.

1. Approval of the Director, Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) is hereby accorded for the implementation of IGSTC's Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) project titled "Understanding and implementing IMTA: An efficient technology towards sustainable mariculture, carbon sequestration, and blue economy boost" with a total cost ₹ 39 Lakh for a period of 36 months.

Following are the details of the Awardee and her host:

<b>Awardee details</b>	Dr. Lata Gawade Goa University School of Biological Sciences & Biotechnology, Goa University Taleigao Plateau, Goa - 403206
<b>Host details</b>	Prof. Bela Hieronymus Buck Alfred Wegener Institute-Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research Bussestrasse 27, D-27570 Bremerhaven, Germany

2. IGSTC's financial support sanctioned under the WISER award:

S. No.	Heads	Amount in ₹ lakh			
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
1	Consumables, Contingency and Research Staff	10	10	10	30
2	Travel and per diem @ € 2300/month	3	3	3	9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>

\*Research Stay upto to one month/year in the host country. Maximum per diem - € 2300/month

3. The grant for the first year will be released as per the conditions stated at Annexure 1 and only after the Awardee submits the endorsement as per Annexure 2.
4. The grants for subsequent years will be released only after satisfactory progress of workplan as detailed in the project proposal and on receipt of annual utilisation certificate and statement of expenditure (UC/SE) together with annual progress report from the Awardee as per the award conditions.
5. The payment of Year 1 grant amounting to ₹ 13 lakh will be made by IGSTC by means of electronic transfer to the Goa University a/c as per bank details given below:

1.	Account Name	The Registrar, Goa University
2.	Account No.	10664493609
3.	IFSC Code	SBIN0004311
4.	Bank name & address	State Bank of India, Goa University Complex, Taleigao Plateau Goa - 403 206

6. Release of IGSTC's grant in support of the Award is subject to:
- The "IGSTC -Terms & Conditions of the Grant" as annexed (Annexure 1).
  - The project will be operative from the date on which the first grant is received by the grantee.
  - Re-appropriation of heads of expenditure from one subhead to other is not permitted.
  - Submission of Utilisation Certificate (UC), Statement of Expenditure (SE), visit report, KPI, Annual Progress Report (APR) on the activities carried out indicating milestone/objectives achieved at the end of each financial year to IGSTC & up to date progress report and SE/UC on completion of 12 months.
  - Salary structure for the project staff with breakup to be submitted as soon as a staff joins the project.
  - Seeking specific approval of IGSTC to carry forward the unspent funds for utilisation in the next financial year.
  - If required, the grantee will have to submit the original bills/vouchers in support of the expenditure to IGSTC.
  - The grantee institution shall maintain separate audited accounts for the project and the amount of grant will be kept in a bank account earning interest. The interest earned should be reported to IGSTC while submitting the SE/UC. The interest thus earned will be treated as a credit to the grantee institution to be adjusted towards further release of instalments of grants.
  - The international/domestic air-tickets for the visits undertaken under this project are to be procured as per prevailing the institution/GOI norms for travel.
  - The accounts of the grantee (institution) shall be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority/audit whenever the institution is called upon to do so.
  - IGSTC should be duly acknowledged in all scientific publications, printed materials and at presentations emanating out of the project activities and a copy invariably to be sent to IGSTC.
  - The expenditure should be strictly booked against the foreign exchange rate prevailing on the date of disbursement of relevant costs under the budget heads.
  - IGSTC may be kept informed periodically about the staff involved, any purchase of equipment, etc. in the project.
  - Prior approval from IGSTC for all international travels to Germany.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.



(Dr P V Lalitha)  
Chief Scientific Officer

Prof. V.S. Nadkarni  
Registrar  
Goa University

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1. Dr. Lata Gawade, Assistant Professor, Goa University
2. Prof. Bela Hieronymus Buck, Alfred Wegener Institute-Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research
3. Manager (Acct & Admin), IGSTC
4. Project File, IGSTC/WISER 2023/LG/38/2023-24



Dr P V Lalitha

## **Annexure 1**

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT**

1. Approval of the research proposal and the grant being released is for the specific project sanctioned and should be exclusively spent on the project within the stipulated time. Any unspent balance out of the amount sanctioned must be surrendered to IGSTC through a crossed Cheque/Demand Draft drawn in favour of Director, IGSTC or electronic transfer.
2. At the conclusion/termination of the project, IGSTC will be free to sell or otherwise dispose of the assets which are the property of IGSTC. The Institution shall render to the Centre necessary facilities for arranging the sale of these assets. IGSTC has the discretion to gift the assets to the Institution or transfer them to any other Institution if it is considered appropriate.
3. The Institution/WISER Awardee will furnish Annual Progress Report of the work on the project on a yearly basis. In addition, the IGSTC shall review the progress of the work being carried out. On completion of the project copies of a final consolidated Project Completion Report on the work done on the project should be sent to IGSTC.
4. At the time of seeking further instalment of grant, the PI has to furnish the following documents:
  - a) Salary for the project staff (with breakup);
  - b) Utilisation Certificate (UC) and Statement of Expenditure (SE) for the previous financial year (in original);
  - c) Annual Progress Report;
  - d) Latest authenticated Statement of Expenditure including Committed Expenditure(s) for the grant duration.
5. Project Completion Report needs to be submitted at the end of the project duration.
6. Request for specific approval of the Centre to carry forward the unutilised grant to the next financial year, should be sent along with SE & UC, after completion of the financial year.
7. The institution will maintain separate accounts for the project. The interest earned should be reflected in the Statement of Expenditure (SE), that will be treated as a credit to the Institution to be adjusted towards further release of instalments of grants.
8. Research personnel appointed under the project, are to be treated as temporary employees and will be governed by the administrative rules/service conditions (for leave, TA/DA etc) of the implementing Institution. They are not to be treated as employees of the Government of India and the IGSTC will have no liability, whatsoever, for the project staff after completion of the project duration.
9. The IGSTC reserves the right to terminate the project at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilised or appropriate progress is not being made.
10. The project becomes operative with effect from the date on which the grant is received by the implementing institution. This date should be intimated by the Institution authorities/Awardee to this Centre. It will, in no case be later than one month after the receipt of the grant by the Institution.
11. If the Awardee to whom a grant for a project has been sanctioned wishes to leave the institution where the project is based, the Institution/the Awardee will inform the same to the IGSTC and in consultation with IGSTC take appropriate decision on the project.
12. Awardee wishing to publish technical/scientific papers based on the research work done under the project should acknowledge the assistance received from IGSTC, indicating the scheme.
13. If the results of research are to be legally protected, the results should not be published without action being taken to secure legal protection for the research results.
14. The institution/Awardee is expected to settle the accounts within 6 months from the date of completion of the project.

## **Annexure 2**

### **Endorsement from the Head of the Institution for IGSTC Program on Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) Award**

(To be given on University/Institution/Organization/College Letterhead)

This is to certify that:

1. Institution welcomes participation of Name :                      Designation :                      as the WISER Awardee and                      as the host Institution for the project titled                      under the Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) programme of Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC).
2. The WISER Awardee,                      is a permanent or regular employee of this Institution/University/Organization and has                      years of regular service left before superannuation.
3. The project starts from the date on which the University/Institution/ Organization/College receives the grant from Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), New Delhi.
4. The Awardee will be governed by the rules and regulations of University/ Institution/Organization/College and will be under administrative control of the University/ Institution/Organization/College for the duration of the project.
5. The grant-in-aid by the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), New Delhi will be used to meet the expenditure on the project and for the period for which the project has been sanctioned as mentioned in the sanction order/Award letter.
6. No administrative or other liability will be attached to Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), New Delhi at the end of the project.
7. The University/Institution/Organization/College will provide basic infrastructure and other required facilities to the investigator for undertaking the research project.
8. The University/Institution/Organization/College shall undertake the financial and other management responsibilities of the project.
9. IGSTC would be duly acknowledged for all outcomes in journal publications, presentations regarding generation of any IP, etc. or in whatsoever form (in printed/online media) emanating out of the work accomplished under this grant and a copy invariably be sent to IGSTC in respect of the award and should acknowledge the support extended by IGSTC during the award duration and beyond.
10. IGSTC reserves the right to terminate the award at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilised or appropriate progress is not being made. Further, the grant along with its terms & conditions are abided by and hence cannot be altered or modified under any circumstances.
11. In case, the Awardee wishes to discontinue the award, for whatsoever reason, he/she should take prior approval from IGSTC with submission of all information/ documentations required by the IGSTC to process the same.
12. All other terms and conditions to be honored by the University/Institution/ Organization/College as per the Award Letter.

<b>Seal of</b> University/Institution/Organization/College <b>Date:</b>	<b>Signature</b> Registrar of University/Head of the Institution/ Head of organization/Principal of College
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