



C.V. Raman Research Grant Scheme 2026

Minor & Major
Research Grants



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*Dean, Projects and External
Resource Generation*

**CHHATRAPATI SHAHU JI MAHARAJ UNIVERSITY,
KANPUR**

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Our Honorable Chancellor and Governor, Smt. Anandiben Patel Ji, embodies boundless compassion, especially towards children and girls, and her commitment to their education, dignity, and empowerment reflects the very essence of transformative leadership.

Her visionary guidance continues to inspire the entire CSJMU family. Through her unwavering encouragement and commitment to nurturing young minds, she has strengthened our resolve to create opportunities that foster education, research, innovation, and social responsibility. Initiatives such as the C. V. Raman Major Research Grant Scheme stand as a meaningful reflection of this vision, encouraging faculty and young researchers to pursue innovative ideas and contribute to society through impactful research.

We express our profound gratitude to Honorable Chancellor Madam for her constant encouragement, affection, and steadfast support. Her dedication inspires us to move forward with greater determination and reminds us that compassion, knowledge, innovation, and perseverance together have the power to shape a brighter and more empowered future for our children and our society.



“*Leadership with compassion
inspires generations.*”

Message from the Vice Chancellor

Prof. Vinay Kumar Pathak

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Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur

It gives me immense pleasure to announce the launch of the C.V. Raman Major and Minor Research Grant Schemes (CVRPS) at Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur. This initiative marks an important step towards strengthening a culture of research, innovation, and academic excellence across the University and its affiliated colleges.

The schemes are designed to empower faculty members to undertake innovative, rigorous, and socially relevant research across diverse disciplines, while encouraging interdisciplinary approaches, translational research, industry-academia linkages, and national and international collaborations.

Our objective is to create an enabling research ecosystem where promising ideas are nurtured, meaningful research is supported, and knowledge is translated into solutions for contemporary societal challenges. The C.V. Raman Grant Schemes will contribute to strengthening institutional research capacity and enhancing the University's quality publications, patents, externally funded projects, collaborations, and academic visibility.

I commend the dedicated efforts of the Projects and External Resource Generation Cell in conceptualising and implementing this initiative. I encourage all eligible faculty members of the University and its affiliated colleges to make full use of this opportunity and pursue research that advances knowledge and creates meaningful societal impact.

Let us work together to strengthen CSJMU as a leading centre of research, innovation, and academic excellence, contributing to sustainable development and societal transformation.

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It is a matter of great satisfaction to witness the launch of the C.V. Raman Major and Minor Research Grant Schemes at Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur. This initiative reflects the University's commitment to strengthening research quality, fostering innovation, and enabling faculty members to translate promising ideas into impactful projects.

As the Dean of Projects and External Resource Generation, I see this scheme as an important catalyst for building research capacity and encouraging projects that are innovative, scientifically rigorous, and relevant to societal and industrial needs. Faculty members are encouraged to pursue interdisciplinary research aligned with emerging national priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with potential for technology transfer, entrepreneurship, collaboration, and community benefit.

The scheme will also provide a strong foundation for securing larger competitive grants and external resources from national and international funding agencies. Our office remains committed to supporting faculty members in developing quality proposals, building collaborations, and strengthening their research-funding potential.

I encourage all eligible faculty members of the University and its affiliated colleges to actively participate in this initiative and pursue research that generates meaningful academic and societal outcomes. **Together, let us build a vibrant, collaborative, and future-ready research ecosystem at CSJMU.**

About the University Research

Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj

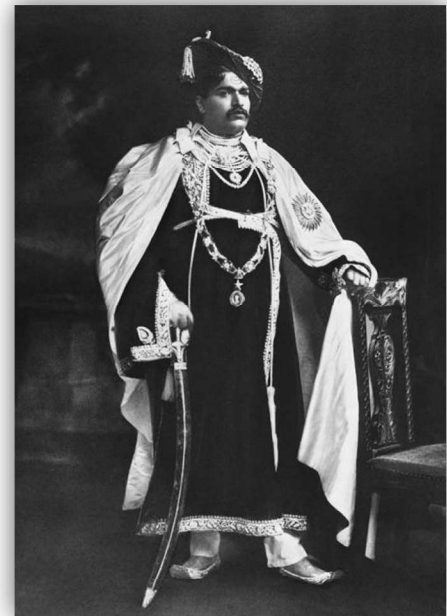
University

(Formerly Kanpur University)

A Legacy of Excellence

Established in 1966, Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU) stands as a premier institution of higher learning in Uttar Pradesh, accredited under Sections 12B and 2F of the UGC Act from its inception. Guided by the inspiring motto “Aroh Tamso Jyoti”, the University is committed to accessible, inclusive, and value-driven education that empowers individuals and advances society.

Over the decades, CSJMU has grown into a vibrant hub of academic and research activity, with an unwavering focus on quality, inclusivity, and innovation. With NAAC A++



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accreditation, UGC Category-I status, and a growing list of national and international recognitions, the University has earned its place among the country's leading state universities.

A Thriving Academic Ecosystem

Spread across a verdant 264-acre campus in the industrial hub of Kanpur, CSJMU offers an inspiring environment for learning and discovery. The University caters to over 275,000 students annually through a vast network of 170+ affiliated colleges spanning eight districts – Kanpur, Fatehpur, Etawah, Aurraya, Kannauj, Farrukhabad, Kanpur Dehat, and Unnao – offering programmes in Arts, Sciences, Education, Law, Agriculture, Medicine, Business, and Technology.

Our Central Library, a magnificent three-storey structure with seating for over 700, houses over 90,000 printed books, theses, and journals, alongside a rich collection of e-resources including e-journals, e-books, and institutional repositories.



Fully automated with LAN connectivity, it supports both traditional scholarship and cutting-edge research.

The campus infrastructure includes:

- A 1,500-seat fully air-conditioned auditorium
- Lecture hall complex with capacity for 70+ daily sessions
- Multipurpose indoor sports hall
- International Centre with deluxe guest accommodations and conference facilities
- Stadiums and athletic grounds for cricket, football, and athletics
- On-campus banking, health centre, post office, police station, and shopping complex

Residential life is equally well supported with six hostels, Shivaji and Swarn Jayanti (men) and Ganga, Triveni, Saraswati, and Kaveri (women), accommodating over 1,100 students in modern, Wi-Fi enabled rooms.



A Research-Driven University

CSJMU is steadily emerging as a centre for advanced, interdisciplinary research that blends innovation, collaboration, and societal impact. Our research ecosystem spans life sciences, environmental sciences, materials sciences, engineering, agricultural sciences, rehabilitation sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

Key research highlights include:

- Two Central Instrumentation Facilities with advanced analytical, imaging, and molecular tools
- CPCSEA-approved Animal House Facility for biomedical research, supported by active ethical committees
- Specialized laboratories and Centers of Excellence in rehabilitation sciences, assistive technology, and inclusive healthcare
- Agricultural research units dedicated to sustainable farming, crop improvement, and Agri-tech innovations



- A bar-coded Herbarium preserving plant diversity and a medicinal garden for ethnobotanical and pharmacognosy studies

Our faculty and scholars have been recipients of prestigious research grants and fellowships, including DST-FIST, DST-Inspire, ICSSR projects, ANRF-PAIR (Category B) awards, Early Career Research Grants, Ramalingaswami Fellowship, and CST-UP funding.

Commitment to National & Global Impact

CSJMU fosters a culture where curiosity meets state-of-the-art infrastructure, enabling ideas to transform into solutions for real-world challenges. We maintain active national and international collaborations, integrating fundamental research with applied innovations for sustainable development.

By nurturing talent, encouraging problem-oriented inquiry, and strengthening interdisciplinary scholarship, the



University continues to contribute meaningfully to national development and global knowledge creation.

"At Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, we believe that knowledge transforms lives. Guided by our motto 'Aroh Tamso Jyoti' – Rise from Darkness to Light, we remain steadfast in our mission to educate, innovate, and inspire. With a growing research ecosystem, state-of-the-art facilities, and an unwavering commitment to inclusivity, we continue to shape future leaders, create impactful solutions, and contribute to a brighter, sustainable world. For over several decades, CSJMU has stood as a beacon of academic excellence and societal progress. As we look ahead, we remain committed to building on this legacy – fostering a culture of inquiry, innovation, and service for generations to come."



Introduction

The C.V. Raman Research Projects Scheme (CVRPS) has been instituted by Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU), Kanpur to promote and strengthen the research ecosystem across the main campus and its affiliated colleges. The scheme offers Minor and Major Research Grants to eligible faculty members in support of research that is original, innovative, product-driven, translational, and interdisciplinary. Through this initiative, CSJMU seeks to cultivate a dynamic environment where impactful research can flourish, driving advancements across diverse academic disciplines and enabling the translation of ideas into tangible solutions.

Objectives

- ✦ To empower faculty members with financial support for undertaking research in core and emerging areas.
- ✦ To promote a culture of inquiry, experimentation, and academic publication.
- ✦ To build institutional research capacity through equipment acquisition and laboratory development.
- ✦ To encourage faculty to undertake both pilot-scale and large-scale, impactful research projects.



C.V. Raman Grant

A. Minor Research Grant

The Minor Research Grant is designed to support pilot projects, exploratory studies, and preliminary data generation that can serve as the foundation for larger, externally funded research endeavors. It is particularly intended to foster publication-oriented innovation, enabling faculty to generate publishable outcomes in indexed journals through focused, small-scale research. The scheme encourages projects that aim to open new research directions, demonstrate proof-of-concept, or generate high-quality data suitable for peer-reviewed dissemination.

Duration: Up to 2 years

Funding Limit: Up to ₹2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakhs only)

Eligibility

Both PI and Co-PI must be full-time regular or contractual faculty members of CSJMU or its affiliated colleges, with a minimum of three years of service remaining.

Principal Investigator (PI):

- Must hold a Ph.D. degree (awarded).
- Must have three publications indexed in *Scopus* and *Web of Science*.
*Publications in refereed journals, subject to evaluation of their quality and eligibility by the University Advisory/Officials Team, whose decision shall be final.
- Guest faculty and postdoctoral fellows are not eligible.
- Only one proposal per PI will be considered under this category.

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI):

- Co-PI is mandatory for the Minor Grant category.
- Must hold a Ph.D. degree (awarded).
- Young faculty members can apply for this call.



B. Major Research Grant

The Major Research Grant supports high-impact, innovative projects addressing significant disciplinary or interdisciplinary challenges. It is aimed at experienced faculty to produce substantial scholarly output, including indexed journal publications, and to develop novel concepts, technology-driven solutions, or multi-phase investigations with real-world relevance. Preference will be given to projects leading to tangible products, processes, or prototypes with commercialization or societal impact potential.

Duration: Up to 2 years

Funding Limit: Up to ₹5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakhs only)

Eligibility

Both PI and Co-PI must be full-time regular or contractual faculty members of CSJMU or its affiliated colleges with a minimum of three years of service remaining.

Principal Investigator (PI):

- Must hold a Ph.D. degree (awarded).
- Must have five publications indexed in Scopus or Web of Science.
- Must have successfully completed at least one extramural or intramural funded research project.
- Guest faculty and postdoctoral fellows are not eligible.

Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI):

- Co-PI is mandatory for all Major Grant proposals.
- Must hold a Ph.D. degree (awarded).
- Must have three publications indexed in Scopus or Web of Science.



Additional Essential Requirements

- **Institutional Eligibility:**

The C.V. Raman Research Grant Scheme shall be open exclusively to faculty members of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University (CSJMU) and its affiliated colleges. Preference may be accorded to applicants from institutions holding valid NAAC accreditation, subject to the merit of the proposal and other prescribed criteria.

- **Ineligible Categories:**

Guest Faculty and Postdoctoral Fellows shall not be eligible to apply for or receive a grant under the C.V. Raman Research Grant Scheme.

- **Application under Major and Minor Grant Categories:**

A PI may apply for both Major and Minor Grants in the same cycle; however, only one grant may be awarded. The grant category shall be determined by the competent University authority based on merit and evaluation scores, whose decision shall be final and binding.

A PI may serve as Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) in only one research project under the C.V. Raman Research Grant Scheme in a given funding cycle.

- **Reapplication by Principal Investigator:**

A PI shall maintain a minimum gap of one year from the completion/award cycle of a C.V. Raman Research Grant before becoming eligible to reapply as PI. However, such an applicant may participate as a Co-PI during the intervening period, subject to the applicable eligibility conditions.

- **Eligibility of Co-PI for Subsequent Cycle:**

A Co-PI associated with an ongoing C.V. Raman Research Grant project shall remain eligible to submit an application as only PI in the subsequent funding cycle, subject to fulfillment of all other prescribed eligibility criteria.

- **Change of Principal Investigator:**

In the event of the PI's inability to continue the project, the designated Co-PI shall assume full responsibility for its execution and completion, subject to approval by the competent University authority.

- **Previous Grant Awardees:**

Faculty members awarded any CSJMU-administered research grant in the preceding year shall not be eligible to apply.

- **Final Authority:**

The decision of the competent University authority on eligibility, evaluation, award, continuation, or transfer of the grant shall be final and binding.



Evaluation and Monitoring

- Only complete applications in the prescribed format with all required documents will be considered.
- Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed and will be desk-rejected.
- Applications must be submitted online through the University portal; submissions through any other mode will not be accepted.
- The project must not replicate previously completed work.
- Pls must adhere strictly to ethical research standards and University norms.
- Proposals failing to meet the eligibility criteria will be rejected without review.
- Eligible proposals will be evaluated by a Technical Evaluation and Review Committee for merit, feasibility, and alignment with CVRPS objectives.
- Shortlisted applicants may be invited to present their proposals before the Expert Committee. The final selection results will be announced online.
- Applicants are advised to regularly check the University website for further updates, notifications, and final results.
- The decision of the Technical Evaluation /Review Committee /Expert Committee will be final and binding, and will not be open to any form of appeal or legal challenge.



Proposal Submission Guidelines

(Applicable to Both C. V. Raman Major and Minor Grants)

Applicants must prepare their proposals strictly in the prescribed format available on the University website. The format already contains all required sections (Title, Introduction, Review of Literature, Methodology, Timeline, Facilities, Equipment List, Collaborations, Expected Outcomes, Budget, and Declarations, etc).

In addition, the following documents must be uploaded along with the proposal:

S. No.	Document	Minor Grant	Major Grant
1.	Filled Proposal Form in the prescribed format	✓	✓
2.	Endorsement Letter from the Head of Institution	✓	✓
3.	Certificate/ Declaration from the Investigators	✓	✓
4.	Biodata of PI and Co-PI in the prescribed format	✓	✓
5.	Appointment Letter (Proof of nature of appointment)	✓	✓
6.	Ph.D. Degree Certificate of PI and Co-PI	✓	✓
7.	Indexed Publications of PI (Scopus/ WOS)	3	5
8.	Indexed Publications of Co-PI (Scopus/ WOS)	—	3
9.	Utilization certificate of at least one completed funded project (Extramural/ Intramural) by PI	—	✓
10.	Sanction/Award Letter of the completed funded project	—	✓
11.	Project Timeline/Work Plan	✓	✓
12.	Plagiarism Declaration	✓	✓
13.	Video Presentation of the proposed project	Max. 5 mins	Max. 7 mins
14.	NAAC Accreditation Document, in case of affiliated colleges	✓	✓
15.	Any other relevant supporting documents, as applicable	✓	✓

Complete details, instructions, formats and the proposal submission link are available at:

<https://csjmu.ac.in/researchprojects/cvrps2026.html>



Instructions for Video Presentation

Applicants are advised to follow the steps given below carefully:

A. Recording the Presentation in PowerPoint

- Open the prepared PPT in Microsoft PowerPoint (latest version recommended).
- Click on Slide Show → Record → From Beginning.
- Ensure that both Microphone and Camera options are switched ON.
- Start recording and explain each slide clearly.
- After completion, stop the recording and save the file.

B. Exporting PPT as MP4 Video

- Go to File → Export → Create a Video.
- Select Full HD (1080p) resolution.
- Click on Create Video.
- Save the file in MP4 format.

C. Uploading the Recorded Presentation

- Open the Google Form link provided.
- Upload the MP4 video file of the recorded PPT.
- Submit the form and ensure successful submission.



Applicant Checklist

Before submission, the applicant shall ensure that:

- ☐ Proposal Form is complete and in the prescribed format.
- ☐ Endorsement from the Head of Institution/Department is enclosed.
- ☐ Investigator Certificate/Declaration is duly signed.
- ☐ PI and Co-PI Biodata are enclosed.
- ☐ Employment and service-tenure proof is enclosed (Appointment letter).
- ☐ Ph.D. certificates of PI and Co-PI are enclosed.
- ☐ Required publication and indexing evidence is enclosed.
- ☐ Required completed-project documents are enclosed for Major Grant (Utilization Certificate).
- ☐ Project timeline/work plan is provided (Bar Diagram).
- ☐ Plagiarism Declaration is duly signed.
- ☐ Video presentation is submitted within the prescribed duration.
- ☐ All other applicable supporting documents are enclosed.
- ☐ Budget estimate.

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Key Dates

 **Scheme Launch: September 21, 2026**

 **Invitation for Proposals: September 21 – October 21, 2026**

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