

**PROF. SARVESWARA RAO ENDOWMENT FOR ACTION RESEARCH
(A BSRVR foundation – Gayatri Vidya Parishad Initiative)**

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ACTION RESEARCH ON SOCIETAL ISSUES?
YOUR PROPOSAL MAY STAND A CHANCE TO WIN UP TO Rs. TWO LAKHS RESEARCH GRANT.**

INTERESTED RESEARCHERS MAY UPLOAD PROPOSALS ON THE WEB SITE OR SEND BY EMAIL.

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Prof Rao and His Passion for Action Research

Prof. Bhavaraju Sarveswara Rao, (1915-2010), Professor of Economics, former Principal, Andhra University College of Arts, Commerce and Law, and former Vice Chancellor of Acharya Nagarjuna University, was a pioneer in action research. Interdisciplinary Action Research in the realms of Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering, Technology and Agriculture, addressing the societal issues, was Prof. Sarveswara Rao's forte.

Some of the action research projects he spearheaded, covered, for example, "Socio economic conditions of slum dwellers in Visakhapatnam", and "Development of human resources in rural areas", "vision testing of slum children". A complete list of research projects undertaken by him can be seen on the web site of the foundation.

Action Research, a term used by Aristotle, is the art of acting upon the conditions one faces in order to change them. It deals with the disciplines and activities predominant in the ethical, socio cultural and political lives of people. Aristotle contrasted this with Theoria - those sciences and activities that are concerned with knowing for knowledge sake.

The Endowment

The Bhavaraju family deems it their duty to take up activities to perpetuate this form of research. Towards this end, *Prof. Sarveswara Rao Endowment for Action Research* was set up through a registered non-profit organization - Prof Bhavaraju Sarveswara Rao and Venkata Ratnam foundation (BSRVR Foundation), with the help of Gayatri Vidya Parishad (GVP), a premier nonprofit educational society, Visakhapatnam. [Prof Sarveswara Rao was the President of Gayatri Vidya Parishad during 1989 - 2004.]

The BSRVR Foundation proposes to award a research grant to a selected Action research proposal. The grant amount could be up to a maximum amount of Rs. 2 lakhs.

The Grant

The grant is either INR 1 or 2 lakhs depending on the merits of the proposal. It will be disbursed in installments. The sanction of subsequent installments is based on periodic

progress reports and conclusion of the work. The selection committee and the foundation shall decide on the quantum of the grant for the proposal selected.

Conditions for the Award

1. The award is granted **only for action research proposals**.
2. The following examples come under the realms of action research: Issues of economic development, empowerment, social change and modernisation, socio economic changes in the country, poverty, science and technology, integrated development, health and education etc. This list is by no means exhaustive, but the ***centrality of the human being and human development is at the core of action research.***

TRANSLATION AND VALUE ADDITION ARE PARTICULARLY LOOKED INTO WHEN ASSESSING THE PROPOSALS.

3. The proposal must contain, apart from \methodological aspects including the objectives, approach, timeline etc., *expected outcomes from the study and how they can be of help in policy and program formulations.*
4. *The proposal must contain a brief review of the past literature relevant to the topic and the value addition from the proposed research.*
5. The proposed budget must be specific to the field work or survey and data analysis and incidentals to carry out the study. ***The research grant should not be used towards capital equipment or honoraria to the researcher.*** The study must not pass on any additional financial or manpower liability on the Foundation either during the period of the study or after the study over and above the amount sanctioned.
6. The project could be for One year or Two years and the grant accordingly shall be One or Two lakhs.
7. The final report together with the data will be the sole property of the Foundation. However the researcher could use the data for his personal use.
8. The total duration of the entire project should not exceed 24 months.
9. Other things remaining the same, preference will be given to inter-disciplinary research and younger researchers.
10. The researcher shall follow all ethical principles of research, especially when the human subjects are studied (like captive subjects, gender, religion, children etc.) and shall obtain the sanction of the institutional ethics committee where needed.
11. If under any circumstances, the researcher discontinues the project, she/he shall refund the grants received, notwithstanding any expenditure already incurred, forfeits all rights with the project concerned and the foundation reserves the right to continue the work as its own project.

Progress Reporting and Related Matters

1. The researcher shall submit periodic reports of progress of work: quarterly for one year projects or half yearly for two year projects, expenditure and receipts; complete the work in one year/two years and submit the final report within 6 months of completion of the project.
2. The researcher shall maintain a logbook of activity, obtain necessary ethical clearances, permissions, consents in case of human or animal subjects being used for research and shall undertake any activity within the permissible laws of the land.
3. The researchers shall express in the beginning, if there are any conflicts of interest.
4. Plagiarism will be dealt with as per the laws of the land and the foundation is not accountable.

Upon selection for the grant, the researcher shall submit the following Declarations, Certification

1. Declaration to be submitted by the researcher on receipt of the award

I,, proposer ofa research project for consideration of the award of a grant, declare that I have read the conditions of the award and abide by them. and I have no conflicts of interest/ please specify if there are any conflicts of interest

Date:

Place:

Signature
(Name in Full)

2. Declaration by the head of the Institution/authorized signatory in case of NGO

I,authorized signatory of .

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(Institute or NGO) have no objection to the Researcher utilizing the facilities of the Institute/ organization for the research work proposed if the grant is awarded. The fund granted shall not be used to purchase equipment or upgrading the infrastructure of the institute or for any other purpose.

Date:

Place:

Signature with seal

Application for Research Grant:

The research proposal shall include: Title of the Project, Subject keywords, Objective, Methodology, Results, Conclusion, Budgetary outlay and other related matters.

The Application can be on a plain paper with the following details:

1. Name of the Principal Researcher: Date of birth:
2. Designation/ Address for correspondence:
3. Email:
4. Name of the Institution / NGO affiliated to:
5. Qualifications:
6. Past Research experience if any: (Please submit supporting documents 7
7. Names of two references:
9. Co Workers: Details of co-workers and their data shall be given as for the principal researcher.

The proposal shall take account of and include factors such as the following:

1. Justification for its consideration as an action research project
2. Current scenario and reasons for the proposal
3. Probable recommendations and outcomes
4. How the recommendations will benefit society, Translation and Value addition
5. Its feasibility, sustainability and how it can lead to capacity building
6. Statement of conflicts of interest
7. Proposal if any for application for a patent

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