

Declaration Certificate:

It is hereby certified that:

- a) PI is a full time regular faculty member of HEI or if is hired on contract, same is not less than project life/duration.
- b) PI will be compensated financially (according to his/her salary) as per his/her given time to approved project.
- c) The university will spare the faculty members from any teaching or administrative responsibilities against their time committed on the said project.
- d) Equipment(s) demanded for the subject project is / are not available in the University / Institute.
- e) No portion of this project has been submitted and /or funded by HEC or any other funding agency.
- f) Subject project is genuinely novel and that there is no plagiarized material including self-plagiarism.
- g) PI has never been blacklisted by HEC.
- h) PI is not executing any other project of HEC which is delayed.
- i) The decision of the HEC Scientific Review Panels will be considered final and will not be challenged in a court of law.
- j) The University/DAI Grantee /Surety that PI will be facilitated and complete support will be provided for the establishment & operation of this project. Other facilities necessary for the project smooth execution including land, building, space, laboratories, machinery, equipment, transport, amenities like utilities and other services will be provided throughout the life cycle of this project, if same has been awarded by the HEC.
- k) The University/DAI Grantee /Surety that NOC for any purpose will not be issued to the principal investigator of this project if same is awarded by the HEC, e.g. for postdoc leave/EOL/study leave/ university leaving in case of new appointment etc. and that the PI will not be relieved by the University until & unless he/she gets Project Completion Certificate /Project Clearance Certificate (PCC) from HEC. Moreover, university/institute will not replace any principal investigator of awarded project by itself without getting prior permission from HEC in written. For the said purpose, university/institution/principal investigator will request HEC and will wait till decision from HEC he/she receives.

Signature of Principal Investigator

**Signature with Stamp of Director
(ORIC)/Research Office/Registrar Office**

Signature with Stamp of the Head of Institution
(Vice-chancellor/Rector of University/
Director of Degree Awarding Institution)