

Call for Applications

Research Entrepreneurship and Development for Youth (READY) Program

The IHFC READY Program (Research Entrepreneurship and Development for Youth) is a six-month Pre-Seed Incubation Program designed to nurture aspiring innovators, researchers, and entrepreneurs in Deep Tech domains such as Robotics, AI, ML, IoT, Autonomous Systems, Communication, and related areas.

This program provides financial support, mentorship, IP assistance, and incubation opportunities to help young graduates transform their ideas into successful startups.

Objectives

- Foster an entrepreneurial and innovation mindset among graduates.
- Empower participants to develop products and succeed as entrepreneurs.
- Incubate high-potential ideas into product-based startups.

Eligibility

- Final Year Students
- Graduates / Recent Pass-outs (2025 & 2024)
- Strong interest in product development, innovation, and entrepreneurship

Support & Benefits

- Stipend support (up to ₹25,000/month depending on classification)
- Financial Assistance of up to ₹5 Lakhs
- Mentorship from industry leaders, researchers, and academic experts
- Product development grant for prototype building and commercialization
- Access to IHFC incubation ecosystem and entrepreneurial network

Selection Process

1. Application & Proposal Submission
2. Screening (based on academics, projects, and proposal strength)
3. Review & Feedback
4. Personal Interview with Expert Panel
5. Final Selection & Onboarding

Timeline

Applications Open: [25/09/2025]

Deadline for Submission: [15/10/2025]

How to Apply

Submit your proposal at 📩 www.ihfc.co.in/ready-program

Submission link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeieS-uYYReriFX_cRr5lTVTGz1z7a0wXdWunGYPwsa15rV6g/viewform

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Research Entrepreneurship and Development for Youth (READY) Program

IHFC Research Entrepreneurship and Development for Youth (READY) Program is a pre-seed incubation program. READY aims to support aspiring candidates who are inclined

towards new product development, entrepreneurship, research and development in Deep Tech Domains including Robotics, AI, ML, IoT, communication, etc. The program is open for graduate students who have a passion and a strong bent towards strong integration of technology and innovation at its core.

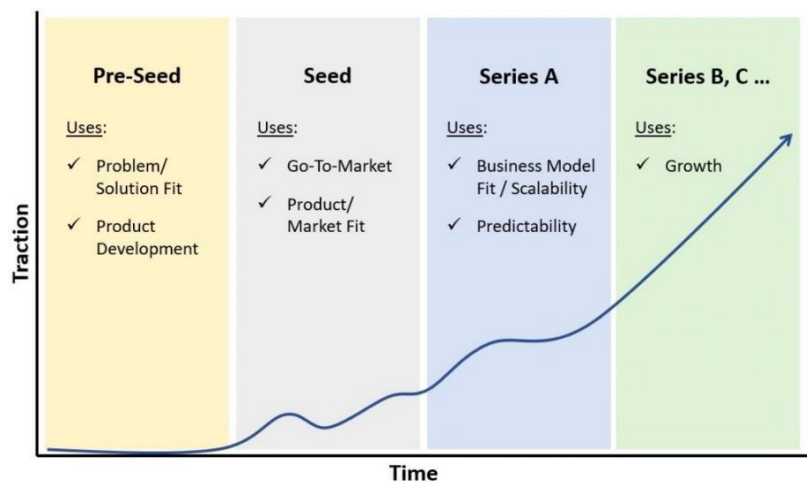


Figure C.1 – Stages of Startup (From Pre-seed to Series C)

Successful READY trainees can incubate in IHFC with financial support and mentoring.

Eligible READY entrepreneurs get access to an immersion program and interaction mode, to support their journey. A Typical READY Program journey* incorporates engineering project to a commercially viable product. Research, Entrepreneurship and Development for Youth is a Six (6) month Pre-Seed Incubation Program for high potential Ideas in deep tech domain. Upon evaluation select Ideas would be eligible for grant, for the development of product, mentoring by academic and industry experts, and support with IP and product commercialization.

Objective

1. Foster entrepreneurial and innovation mindset in graduates.
2. Empower graduates with attributes to succeed as entrepreneurs via product development.
3. Incubate high-potential ideas and product-based startup.

READY PROGRAM PROCESS

READY Program accepts applications around the year, Interviews are scheduled in a bi-annual cycle in April – May and Oct – Nov.

Screening Process:

1. Candidates are shortlisted based upon the Percentage %/CGPA achieved during their graduation and post-graduation
2. Weightage is given to their industry and research projects undertaken during their graduation and post-graduation
3. Project proposal for this duration which should include the cost of building hardware/software/prototype, personal expenditure (including stipend per month)
4. Shortlisted candidates would be called for a personal

interview/evaluation Selection Criteria: Personal Interview by panel of experts appointed by IHFC.

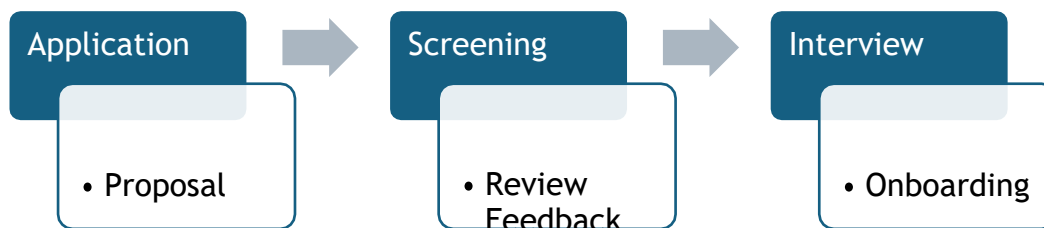


Figure C.1 READY Program Selection Process

READY Program Journey

IHFC READY program has supported many young and early-stage entrepreneurs from Indian colleges and institutions. As part of the support, READY interns has successfully completed the program and demonstrated the following outcomes.

The following section presents typical READY Program journey which range from

A) Product to Startup



B) Intellectual Property Development

READY Program Product Journeys (Product Commercialization)



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IHFC READY is a Six (6) month Pre-Seed Incubation Program for Hi-Potential Ideas in Robotics, AI, Drone, Autonomous Systems and Deep Tech Domains



Research and entrepreneurial opportunity for graduates in IHFC's READY program



Accelerate your ideas and innovation



Enable successful startup in robotics, AI and deep tech domain



Financial support for high potential startup



Access to mentoring from IHFC



IHFC READY Program Alumni



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IHFC READY



ELIGIBILITY

Graduates / Final Year 2022/2023/2024-25

SELECTION PROCESS:

Proposal Submission -> Review and Feedback -> Interview

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