

Guidelines for GENESIS EiR Cohort 2.0 Program

Gen-Next support for Innovative Startups (GENESIS) of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India provides Entrepreneur in Residence (EiR) grant support (**up to Rs. 10 lakh**) for the aspiring entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneur Eligibility

1. **Nationality:** The applicant must be an Indian citizen.
2. **Age:** The entrepreneur must be at least 18 years old at the time of application.
3. **Commitment:** The applicant must be a first-generation entrepreneur and committed to working full-time on the proposed startup idea during the EiR program duration.
4. **Applicant Type:** Applicant must be an individual innovator/ full-time UG/PG students with entrepreneurial pursuits/ founder of a DPIIT registered startup (≤ 2 years old at the time of application).

Startup/Innovator Eligibility

1. **Stage of the Startup:**
 - The applicant should be in the stage of Ideation, Concept Development, Validation / Problem-Solution Fit, Proof of Concept (PoC), or Prototyping/Working Prototype.
 - Must not have received significant external funding (exceeding ₹10 lakh, including government grants).
 - The EiR must be physically incubated at our centre.
 - The applicant shouldn't have been chosen or onboarded with any other Enabling Partner Under the GENESIS Scheme.
2. **Sector Focus:**

The proposed idea should focus on technology innovation aligned with the GENESIS scheme's objectives:

 - Electronics & IT/ Deeptech (software or product)/ ICT space
 - Emerging technologies (AI / ML, IoT, VLSI/Semiconductor, Cybersecurity, Blockchain, Quantum computing, AR/VR/Spatial and Immersive Tech)
3. **Scalability and Impact:**
 - The startup must have the potential for scalability and create a measurable impact, especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities.
4. **Legal Compliance:**
 - If the startup is already incorporated, it must be registered as a Private Limited Company, LLP and registered partnership firm under applicable Indian laws.
 - The entity must not be older than 2 year at the time of application.
5. **Originality:**
 - The startup/innovator idea must be original and not involve duplication of existing products/services or any form of plagiarism.

Regional Criteria

1. Location:

- Priority will be given to startups and entrepreneurs from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities to promote regional innovation.

Alignment with GENESIS Objectives

1. The proposed startup/idea should align with the overarching goals of the GENESIS scheme:

- Promoting technology-led entrepreneurship.
- Creating jobs and fostering regional innovation hubs.
- Supporting sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

Last date for Application : 20 October, 2025