ADMISSION FOR AGRI CLINICS AND AGRI BUSINESS CENTRE(AC&ABC) COURSE AT RARS, PATTAMBI, KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY(KAU)

Regional Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi, KAU invites application from eligible candidates for a Training Programme under Agri-Clinic and Agri –Business Centers Scheme of Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India

About the training programme

Agri-Clinic and Agri –Business Centre Scheme (AC & ABC) is implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India since April, 2002 with the support of National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE) ,an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India.

The objective of the scheme is:

- To promote entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities.
- To supplement the efforts of public agriculture extension.

Salient features

As per the guidelines of the AC&ABC scheme two month training will be imparted to the selected candidates on various aspects related to agriculture and entrepreneurship development. After the two months training, the candidates have to submit their projects for obtaining bank loan for establishing agricultural ventures. The bank will provide loan after the thorough scrutiny of the project submitted by the candidate.

Age	:	No bar
Training period	:	Two months free residential programme. Starting from January 15, 2019.
Type of project	:	Individual and group projects under Agriculture/ Allied sectors
Margin money	:	No margin money up to Rs. 5 Lakhs. 10-15 % or as decided by the Banks.
Rate of interest	:	As decided by Bank (commercial bank/ Private/ RRB/ cooperative Banks)
Security	:	Collateral Security up to a loan amount of Rs. 5 lakh is waived. Hypothetication of assets, mortgage of lands or third party guarantee.
Repayment period	:	5-10 years, depends on the project.
Handholding	:	Post-training up to one year.
Subsidy	:	Ceiling of project cost for subsidy is up to Rs. 20 lakh (Individual) and Rs. 100 lakh (for a group project comprising at least 5 trained persons)

Eligibility

- Graduate in Agriculture / Allied subjects from SAUs/ Central Agricultural Universities/ Universities recognized by ICAR/UGC and other agencies approved by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India.
- Diploma (with at least 50% marks)/Post Graduate Diploma holder in Agriculture and allied subjects from SAU, State Agriculture and Allied Departments and State Department of Technical Education and other agencies approved by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of India.
- Biological Science Graduates with Post graduation in Agriculture & allied subjects.
- Degree recognized by UGC having more than 60% of course content in Agriculture and Allied subjects.
- Diploma / Post-graduate Diploma courses with more than 60% of course content in Agriculture and allied subjects.
- Agriculture related courses at Intermediate (i.e. +2) with at least 55% marks.

NOTE: The training course mentioned above is not a guarantee for availing of the loan. Sanctioning of the loan would be on the basis of the techno-economic viability of the project submitted.

Application Process

- ❖ Interested candidate submit the application form online (see the website https://acabcmis.gov.in/ApplicantReg.aspx)
- ❖ Please enter all the requisite details in the application form. Incomplete application forms are liable to be rejected.
- ❖ Please send a copy of the form submitted online to the address mentioned below along with photocopy of certificate of qualification acquired.
- ❖ Please superscribe in bold letters on the envelope "APPLICATION FOR AC&ABC".
- ❖ Please note that the applicants selected for training has to submit an application fee of Rs. 500/- (Rupees five hundred only).
- ❖ For any further clarification regarding course please contact the Nodal officer, Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), Pattambi. Email: bs.sundaram@kau.in , Mobile: 9446239318
- ❖ Please complete the registration on or before 30th November 2018 and send the hard copy to the Associate Director of Research, Regional Agricultural Research Station, Mele Pattambi, Palakkad District, Kerala-679 306 before 15th December 2018.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Last date for online registration	: **30 November 2018**
Last date for receiving hard copy of registration	: **15 December 2018**