

Guidelines for Start-up grant for fellows undergone long term/short term training supported by DHR

Start-up grant scheme of Department of Health Research is meant to support the biomedical researchers who have undergone training in Indian/foreign institutes supported by DHR. The aim of the program is to utilize the skills learnt during the period of training in a practical mode so that he/she is able to undertake research independently and to ensure that the trainees take up research seriously and in right earnest.

- I. The Start- up grant for the project @ Rs. 30 lakh per research project for three years, will be considered from each fellow /trainee (after approval by Technical Evaluation Committee and Approval Committee), who have successfully completed Long Term/Short Term Fellowship for training in Indian Institutes or Foreign institutes and developed his/her research project.
- II. The broad area for research shall be the public health issues and activities and priority areas of national importance.
- III. The candidates would be required to submit the Detailed Research Plan. (indicating the design of the study, the total number of cases/samples/animals to be studied, the mode of selection of subjects specially in experiments involving human beings, equipment and other materials to be used, methodology/techniques to be employed for evaluating the results including statistical methods any potential to obtain patents etc.)
- IV. The broad outline of the application format are given below:
 - a) Title of the Project
 - b) Name, designation and address of the Guide
 - c) Tenure of the study
 - d) Objectives
 - e) Present knowledge and relevant bibliography (please give here only the most relevant references complete with the author's name(s), title of the article, and name of the Journal, year, and volume and page number).
 - f) Methodology and Techniques (giving all relevant details like study design, selection of subjects, experimental model, techniques, study proforma etc.).
 - g) What is aimed to be achieved by the study?
 - h) How is it likely to advance or add to the existing knowledge in relation to human health?

[Note: The rational and basis for selecting start up research projects would be the standard criteria, namely, novelty of idea/concept; potential of clinical/public health application; design/methodology & capability of fellow/faculty; infrastructure in the Institute and part of priorities for health research and of national importance]

V. Mode of Selection

- A. Selection of the “Fellows” will be made through a two tier system of screening. Screening based on the details provided in the prescribed applications by an Expert/ Selection Committee at ICMR, based on merit, by specially constituted Committee by the Secretary DHR. Candidate must route their applications through the Head of the institute agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- B. The proposals duly recommended by the Screening Committee and Evaluation Committee of ICMR fulfilling technical and administrative criteria would be referred to the DHR for final approval. The same would be placed before the Approval Committee, headed by Secretary, DHR & DG, ICMR and would inter alia have Financial Adviser (Health), Joint Secretary, DHR, HoD from the ICMR and any other members as may be constituted with the approval of Secretary, DHR & DG, ICMR.

VI. Other terms and conditions:

- a. The staff employed for the project work will be paid as per ICMR approved norms and engaged purely on contractual basis/ on consolidated salary and will be governed by the terms & conditions of the institute where the project is carried out.
- b. The bio-data of the principle investigator and co-investigators should be submitted alongwith the proposal.
- c. The investigators should submit the annual progress report and the final report on completion of the project on prescribed format.
- d. The project fund will be released to the institute where the project work is being carried out. A separate account will be maintained at the institute for the scheme.
- e. The institute will submit the audited statement of accounts done by the statutory audit of the institute.
- f. The Utilization certificate shall be submitted as per provisions of GFRs.

VII. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

Prevailing law or guidelines issued by Govt., as amended from time to time, will be followed on the IPR issue and in case the research output is used for public health system, its price will be controlled by the Government.