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This is in reference to CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS FOR THE YEAR 2026-27 for fellowships/grants under the "HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (HRD) SCHEME" of Department of Health Research, (DHR) MoHFW, in the emerging fields of medical/clinical/health sciences under which **ICMR-STs scheme** is currently open and accepting proposals till 30th May, 2026. 1st & 2nd Professional MBBS students are eligible and are encouraged to apply under the given scheme. Kindly refer to the detailed guidelines provided by the Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of Health Research. **(Details of the eligibility, terms & conditions and guidelines of the programme are available on DHR website: <https://schemes.dhr.gov.in>)**

If in case Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) approval could not be obtained at the time of application submission then an undertaking from the guide is to be submitted for the same and IEC approval certificate can be obtained anytime before beginning actual research work according to the instructions given in the guideline document and the same may be submitted either along with concept note or with the report.

All Students are instructed to approach their guide at the earliest and complete the submission process on time.

Encl: DHR Guideline.

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**Guidelines on the
Human Resource Development Scheme for Health
Research during the 15th Finance Commission Period
(2021-22 to 2025-26)**



Government of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health Research

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XIX. LEAVE RULES

Fellows will be entitled for leaves as per guidelines of host/parent institute for project staff/JRF/SRF/research fellows. During the project duration, the candidate should not be away from the project for a period of more than 15 days in continuation and 30 days total without the prior consent of DHR. Leave without fellowship can be granted up to one month in a year. Maternity leave will be applicable as per the Government of India norms.

XX. PROVISION OF CO-PI

There is no provision of co-PI in the Women scientist category program. However, the fellow can have a co-mentor in the project. In Start-up grant and NRI/OCI/PIO categories, the PI can have up to 2 Co-PIs in the project.

XXI. UPGRADATION OF CATEGORY OF FELLOWSHIP

Under Women and Young scientist categories of program, a fellow who has submitted the PhD thesis(non-medical) and has not been awarded the degree shall be eligible for category B. However, if the fellow has been awarded with PhD degree during the tenure of her/his project will be eligible for the upgradation of the category from B to A.

SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SHORT-TERM STUDENTSHIP (STS) PROGRAM

1. Students must follow the updated instructions and updated forms provided on the DHR portal. Incomplete applications/proposals will not be considered. DHR-ICMR reserves the rights to approve/disapprove the research concept note upon scientific evaluation.
2. The online application submission portal will be advertised every year.
3. The students admitted in the first and second professional year of MBBS/BDS may be assigned a Guide from the same medical/dental college and may develop and conceptualize a research concept note under their guidance in the field of biomedical research.
4. The concept note should be submitted on the given format only and should have details the original research work to be carried out by the student during six months in three years, under the guide and should not be copied from earlier research/thesis/other sources. The research concept note should be submitted without any personal/identifying information like name, college name, mobile nos. email IDs, etc. of the student or the Guide or the college.
5. If in methodology the name of the college is required, then only mention the name of the district should be given.

6. If any identifying information is found in the concept note, consent form or patient information sheet, survey form, etc. then the proposal will be not considered further.
7. If any kind of research misconduct is noticed at any stage the proposal/ report would be rejected.
8. One student can submit only one proposal under a guide.
9. A guide can forward only one student application in each call. Please note that in case of more than one submission by a student/ guide all proposals will be automatically rejected.
10. The cost of the proposed research work is to be borne by the host medical college/institution.
11. The stipend is meant only for the student as his/her fellowship.
12. The e-certificates will be issued only to the student, the name of the guide is however mentioned, no separate e-certificates will be issued to the guide.
13. DHR-ICMR does not recognize any co-guides for the STS project, even then if there is a co-guide it is solely up to the Guide. The student should obtain approval from the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) if the proposal involves research on human participants and from the Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) if the work involves the use of animals.
14. The IEC/ IAEC approval should be obtained any time before beginning actual research work.
15. Any research carried out by the student without appropriate prior approval by the IEC/IAEC will be rejected. If IEC/IEAC is not required for the proposed work, then an exemption certificate is also to be submitted along with the concept note.
16. If in case the IEC/IEAC approvals are not given by the time of application submission, then an undertaking from the Guide is to be submitted for the same.
17. The same may be submitted either along with concept note or with the report.
18. Clinical trial studies/protocols are not allowed to be submitted under STS.
19. Informed consent is to be obtained for research on human participants. For more information please refer to DHR-ICMR National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical and Health Research on Human Participants, 2017 and National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research Involving Children available on https://www.ICMR-DHR.nic.in/sites/default/files/guidelines/ICMR-DHR_Ethical_Guidelines_2017.pdf and https://www.ICMR-DHR.nic.in/sites/default/files/guidelines/National_Ethical_Guidelines_for_BioMedical_Research_Involving_Children_0.pdf respectively.
20. Submission of wrong information/document etc. detected at any stage will lead to disqualification and the application/proposal/project will be treated as cancelled.
21. The studentship is non-transferable and cannot be given to another student in the event of non-acceptance after getting approval. However, in case of transfer of guide the student can take another faculty member for same department as guide with permission from the highest competent authority of the same medical/dental college.
22. Incomplete, late applications will not be considered.
23. On approval of the research concept note and report, stipend will be paid in installments as mentioned in the guidelines through RTGS and will be transferred to the STUDENT'S OWN SINGLE HOLDER BANK ACCOUNT (should be a national bank). NO Joint Accounts (parents/guide) will be accepted.

24. The DHR-ICMR reserves right for no further discussion on rejected/incomplete applications/research proposals/late submissions.
25. Information from students may be used by DHR-ICMR/designated authorities to contact students/invite them to research methodology workshop/conferences or other academic activities, if required.
26. Requests for considering or providing the information pertaining to the following categories shall not be entertained by DHR-ICMR:
 - Reasons for rejection of STS applications
 - Technical errors on the portal on the last date and minute of submission leading to incomplete submission.
 - Names and contact details of students/guides/reviewers.
 - Any other details of any student/Guide
 - Details of STS projects-approved/disapproved.
 - Minutes of STS meetings/marks/scores
 - Or any other confidential information
27. The DHR-ICMR shall make all efforts to keep the information about participating students/guides/scientific reports (soft copies) confidential and in safe custody, however, will not be responsible for any unintentional loss of any kind due to unforeseen reasons at this time.
28. Research Integrity is crucial for good conduct of research and its outcomes. The student/guide should try to imbibe the right research culture and temperament for conducting quality research.
29. Do not copy paste write up/ information/ results/ data from other sources (published or unpublished) without giving appropriate reference.
30. Conflicts of interest, if any, should also be declared. Conflict of interest are situations in which financial or any personal reasons can compromise, an individual's professional judgment in proposing, conducting, supervising or reporting research and therefore can badly affect the quality of research and its reporting and also the scientific objectivity of the proposed research/ report.
31. All submissions to DHR-ICMR must be prepared by the student under guidance. The Guide is required to sign an undertaking to the effect that it is original work and not plagiarized from any other sources.
32. In case at any time point it is detected that the STS research proposal/ STS report have been plagiarized, the STS research proposal/ STS report will be out rightly rejected. DHR-ICMR reserves the right to accept or reject or take other appropriate action if any misconduct or fraud or plagiarism is detected at any point of time.
33. Dissemination about the program will be carried out at regular intervals to create awareness about the newly revised program which will enable the students to excel in research endeavors.
34. In addition, seminars/workshops will also be conducted to strengthen the essentials fundamental research concepts, best practices, and innovative approaches to cover the key aspects of research methodology in field of biomedical research for producing more impactful research outcomes.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF STS RESEARCH CONCEPT NOTE

Please follow the format given below:

Reference ID	(Generated upon registration)
Title	(25 words max.)
Introduction	(300 words +100 words)
Objectives	(100 words max.)
Methodology	(800 words +100 words)
Implications	(100 words + 50 words)
References (Vancouver style)	(300words max.)

The stated word limit is for guiding the students and may only exceed the limit as stated above.

Important note: No name/ contact details (Telephone number/ email) should be provided. The proposal would be automatically rejected if any identifying information of the student/ guide is provided in the proposal.

Reference ID- Please provide only the reference ID for identification on the top. Identifying information like name of the student/guide, contact details like contact numbers/email addresses should not be provided in the proposal/project for unbiased review.

Title-A good title should be short, accurate and concise. It should make the central objectives and variables of the study clear to the reviewer.

Introduction-The purpose of an introduction is to provide the rationale behind the work, so that the reviewer may understand and appreciate the objectives. Please describe the importance (significance) of the study. Defend the model- Provide a rationale and describe the reasoning that led you to selecting them. Briefly describe the experimental design and how it accomplished the stated objectives. Describe the situation and specify clearly the gaps in the existing knowledge and/or controversy and in conclusive evidence. The discussion should be supported with appropriate references.

Objectives-Should specify what kind of knowledge the study is expected to obtain. It should give a clear notion of what is to be described, determined, identified, compared or confirmed. Hypothesis may be stated, and objectives should be specific, to the point and achievable.

Methodology- Describes all the procedures that will be used to achieve the objectives and justify the study design including any techniques and procedures to be used. This may include type of study and study design, study population, sample size and selection criteria, Proposed intervention (if applicable), Data collection procedures & instruments used, quality control, confidentiality, plan of analysis/ statistical tools, ethical considerations with all required forms.

Implications- Describes what is expected to be achieved or gained from the proposed research. This could be given in terms of knowledge gained by the student or in terms of scientific advancement.

References-Provide appropriate references in Vancouver style only from recently published journals/ literature supporting the proposed research