

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**  
**Department of Health Research**  
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**CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS UNDER “GRANT-IN-AID (GIA) SCHEME OF DHR FOR INTER-SECTORAL CONVERGENCE AND COORDINATION FOR PROMOTION AND GUIDANCE ON HEALTH RESEARCH” FOR THE YEAR 2021-22**

“Grant-in-Aid (GIA) Scheme for Inter-sectoral convergence and coordination for promotion and guidance on health research” is a flagship programme of Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. During the year 2021-22, Department of Health Research invites multicentric “Full Length Research Proposals” through online mode in area of “**Randomized Controlled Trials**” for the development/ evaluation of newer drugs, repurposed drugs, vaccines, technology, diagnostic algorithms, treatment protocols, socio-behavioral interventions, complex interventions, health system evaluation etc.

2. The research domains and themes should be in line with the National Health Policy 2017, SDG 2030 goals of India and the findings of the Global Burden of Disease reports.
3. Interventions around any part of the spectrum of prevention, promotion, cure & rehabilitation of health problems are encouraged.
4. Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs) should have the following characteristics to be considered for grant:
  - a) Late phase RCT
  - b) Any intervention including but not restricted to new/repurposed drugs, devices, socio-behavioural intervention etc.
  - c) Can be hospital-based or community trials.
  - d) Maximum of 3 years, preferably short-term ones.
  - e) Multicentric with the involvement of minimum 5 centres (can be relaxed for exceptionally good proposals)
  - f) The principal investigator having prior experience of conducting multi-centric RCTs
  - g) IEC should be CDSCO registered.

**5. Duration, Type and Budget range of the proposals:**

- **Multicentric/Network proposal:** With One Study Coordinator and Multiple Site Principal Investigators/Co-Investigators with PAN nature,
- **Budget Range<sup>#</sup>:** Rs.50 lakh -Rs.10 crore each.
- **Duration:** 1-3 years

*#PI is suggested to estimate legitimate cost of the study as per research design/ work plan avoiding over-estimation / hypothetical budgeting. Costing of each budgetary component should clearly be spelt out.*

**6. Instructions for proposal submission:**

- I. The full length research proposals may be submitted online on <https://dhrschemes.icmr.org.in> only and no proposal in physical/hard copy is to be submitted.
- II. Details of the eligibility, format of application, terms & conditions and guidelines of the scheme are available on <https://dhr.gov.in/> at <https://dhr.gov.in/sites/default/files/GIA%20-%20Revised%20Guidelines.pdf>
- III. Last minute request for extension of the due date w.r.t. any technical issue will not be considered.
- IV. All projects involving research on human beings/animals must be cleared by the Human Ethics Committee/ Animal Ethics Committee of the respective institute. For details, please visit <https://dhr.gov.in/> and <https://dhrschemes.icmr.org.in>
- V. PI should ensure that the proposed research and budget are in compliance with the eligibility criteria and instructions provided. Applications that do not meet the eligibility criteria and/or do not directly respond to the call area will not be reviewed, regardless of their quality.
- VI. The selected proposals will be preferably linked with the Indian Clinical Trial and Education Network (INTENT) in terms of site selection and study support. Information regarding INTENT can be found at: [https://main.icmr.nic.in/sites/default/files/upload\\_documents/EoI\\_INTENT.pdf](https://main.icmr.nic.in/sites/default/files/upload_documents/EoI_INTENT.pdf)

**Deadline for submission of full length research proposal: 25.11.2021 (5:00 PM)**

**For scheme/call for proposals related queries:**

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