

## **Competitive Intramural Research Grants for Faculty: Call for Proposals**

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The office of Dean Research, JIPMER invites proposals for Competitive Intramural Research Grants. This scheme is aimed at supporting high-quality, innovative research ideas that are likely to be impactful, and bringing in a competitive angle to research grants, which is important when our faculty apply for extramural grants. Non-competitive grants for faculty members will be discontinued.

Principal investigators (PIs) applying for these grants must be permanent faculty members (at Puducherry or Karaikal), with at least 3 years till superannuation. Co-investigators can be only from within the Institute.

It is proposed to issue a call for proposals initially every 6-12 months. Each proposal can have a budget of up to Rs. 6 lakhs. A PI is eligible to get only one grant during a particular iteration, with a maximum of two concurrent grants (approved at different times) at any time. Major equipment (costing more than Rs 50,000 each) or staff are not permitted.

The proposals can be in areas related to basic, translational, and clinical research. These will be reviewed by a Scientific Committee consisting of external experts. The projects will be prioritized based on:

- Scientific merit: novelty, clarity of objectives and methodological rigor.
- Feasibility, including timelines and resources required.
- Applicability (direct or indirect) to health issues in the region, and likelihood of leading to continued future extramural-funded research on the particular topic in the Institute.
- Projects with collaboration across disciplines.

Work with unclear biomedical applications will have a lower priority.

Depending on the total funds available, the proposals with higher priority ranking will be funded. Funds will be disbursed on annual basis through SFACTS, initially upon ethics clearance, and for 2<sup>nd</sup> year after evaluation of annual progress report and receipt of statement of expenditure.

For the first iteration, a tentative amount of Rs. 40 lakhs has been assigned.

### **Application Process**

Applications are to be submitted by email latest by **November 30, 2023** (one hard copy with signatures of PI, Co-Is and HoDs should follow by December 5) and should include:

- A one-page cover letter with a self-explanatory proposal title, outlining the relevance.
- A research proposal with title, justification/background, objectives, methodology, expected outcomes (in free format with the above headings (up to 5 pages; single-spaced with inter-paragraph space and 1” margin all around,) and budget on a separate page.
- A short CV (max 2 pages: only qualifications, work experience, and details of up to 5 original research papers in Vancouver format) for each investigator. For PI, a table (project title, start/end dates, funding agency, amount sanctioned for JIPMER center) listing all intramural/extramural grants over the last 5 years as PI should be annexed.