

## भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद स्वास्थ्य अनुसंधान विभाग, स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार

Indian Council of Medical Research
Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health
and Family Welfare, Government of India

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# Call for Proposals on Interventional/Implementation Research in Mental Health

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
In partnership with
Psychiatric Research Infrastructure for Intervention and Implementation in India (PRIIIA)

#### **Capacity Building Workshop in Mental Health Research**

This will provide an opportunity to learn and pair with experienced Indian and US faculty to develop ideas for research. Hands on workshop will be organized in August 2022 to develop a full research proposal with funding from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Date of workshop: August 8-11, 2022, Residential workshop in Delhi.

#### **Themes**

- a. Thrust areas in the National Mental Health Programme/National Tele Mental Health Program
- b. Implementation research in Mental Health
- c. Digital health and other related topics
- d. Interventional research in Mental Health.
- e. Novel Interventions in cognitive dsfunctions spanning major mental disorders & post-stroke patients

#### Who can submit project proposals?

The project proposal can be submitted through ONLINE MODE ONLY by middle level professionals (age<45 years), faculty member preferably Assistant Professor/Associate Professor levels of service /Scientist-B/C/D/E or equivalent / other professionals who have a regular employment in medical colleges/ Research Institutes/Universities/ Government and semi-government organizations and NGOs involved in Mental Health Research



#### Points to be kept in mind while submitting concept proposals:

- **1.** Duration of the research projects will be for three years.
- 2. The proposals must address at least one of the above-mentioned themes
- **3.** Should focus on outcomes that are readily translatable into practice.
- **4.** Feasible and within the constraints of the funding and time available.
- **5.** Foreign collaboration is not allowed under the call.
- **6.** Priority will be given to projects that are ready for implementation/scalability in the form of deliverables and point of care technologies

#### **Review process:**

Once the call is closed, the eligible concept proposals will be subjected to evaluation by ICMR expert group for technical correctness, novelty, feasibility, achievable milestones, timelines, budget adequacy and potential for impact. Based on these criteria 20-25 concept proposals will be shortlisted. Shortlisted applicants who submit the full proposal will be invited to attend the workshop.

Submission of Concept Proposal
Review of Proposals
Shortlisting of Proposals
Intimation to submit the full proposal
Full proposal submission
Residential Workshop
Finalization of full proposal
Funding from ICMR

The expenses of travel, boarding and lodging during workshop will be borne by ICMR as per rules.

#### **Important Note:**

All concept proposals should be submitted online at https://epms.icmr.org.in as a brief 3-4 page concept note (including background, novelty, objectives and brief methodology, applicability, expected outcome and impact on NMHP). Format of submitting concept proposals is available as **Annexure 1.** 

### Steps to be followed for online submission:

- 1. Open the ICMR Electronics Project Management System (ePMS) portal https://epms.icmr.org.in
- 2. Project proposal submission is three steps process in e-PMS.
  - Step 1 : PI Registration/Login
  - Step 2: Verify Email Id and Complete/Update PI Profile
  - Step 3 : Apply for Grant through submission of concept proposal
- 3. Click on "LOGIN and select "*Register*" for new registration OR else if already registered provide details to login and enter into e-PMS portal.
- 4. After registration in the portal, login in the portal. Verify your registered email and complete the PI profile. IP profile includes Personal detail such as Salute, Name, DOB as per 10<sup>th</sup> certificate, Details of 10<sup>th</sup> (Board name, roll number, Year of passing), Attachment (10<sup>th</sup> certificate/mark sheet), Gender (Male/Female), Category (GEN, OBC, SC, ST), State, District, Institute Name (if name doesn't exist in the drop down list then there is an option to add the new institute also), Designation, Nature of Employment, Department, Broad Area of Research, Subject Area.
- 5. After completing mandatory section of PI Profile, click on "Submit Concept Proposal" under "Proposal Submission" menu. Click on "Apply" at action column.
- 6. The user manual of e-PMS (under Guidelines-> e-PMS menu) available at https://epms.icmr.org.in Before proceed to submission the proposal, it is suggested to read user manual and guidelines; and make ready all relevant information, documents and research plan.
- 7. Contact at Dr Lokesh Sharma, Scientist E (Email: po.epms@icmr.gov.in) for any technical issue or query. Response/redressal may take up to 2 working days depending on the workload.

**Note:** Applicants are advised <u>not to wait for the last minute to upload the documents</u>, since server may be overloaded and slow to respond. No submission after this time will be permitted and no queries in this regard will be entertained

### Time Line

- Call open for registration and concept note submission: 18th May 2022 (09:00 AM IST)
- Last date to submit concept note 10th June 2022(17:00 IST)
- Announcement of results: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022
- Call deadline for shortlisted candidates to submit full proposal in ICMR format: 1st August 2022 (17:00 IST)

## Contact and guidance related to workshop: All enquiries should be directed to

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## Annexure 1

# Format for the Concept Proposal

- **1. Title of the proposed research project**: should be concise and yet sufficiently descriptive and informative. Title may include study design such as randomized controlled trial; an observational study; a case-control study etc.
- 2. **Background (up to 350 words):** Describe the current knowledge available on the subject area, critical gaps in knowledge, its relevance and application to local, national and international context and the research question which this project aims to address.
- **3. Novelty/Innovation** (up to 100 words): Describe how the proposal challenges and seeks to shift the current research/knowledge/clinical practice paradigms etc. by utilizing novel theoretical concepts, approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions etc. Also mention preliminary work done by the applicant if any.
- **4. Objective (up to 100 words):** Define the objectives clearly and in measurable terms; mention as primary and secondary objectives if necessary. Do not write too many objectives.
- **5. Brief methodology (up to 700 words):** Describe study setting, study design, sampling strategy, sample size, feasibility, expected outcomes, inter-department/inter-institutional collaborations if any, timelines, budget.
- 6. Expected outcome (up to 100 words):
- 7. Impact on NMHP (up to 100 words):