Supporting research activities in Multidisciplinary Research Units in Government Medical Colleges (MRUs) and Model Rural Health Research Units (MRHRUs) in States

Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has so far established 92 MRUs and 28 MRHRUs with the objective of providing research infrastructure to State Medical Colleges and increase the reach of research studies including rural population. These units are uniquely poised to undertake research which can be relevant and beneficial for the local populace with policy and practice implications distinct to the region or population. With a vision to support and enrich the research activities in these units, proposals are being invited from MRUs and MRHRUs on any issue of national, regional or local health importance.

The characteristics of the proposals

1. Any faculty member/scientist from the MRU/MRHRU network can apply with endorsement from head of the institute and nodal officer of the respective MRU/MRHRUs.
2. Preferably multi-centric studies. Good quality single-centre studies will also be accepted.
3. Can cover studies on non-communicable diseases, established and emerging pathogens, environmental and occupational health, maternal and child health and any other domains deemed important for the geographical area. All study designs are acceptable including situation analysis, environmental surveillance, qualitative studies, implementation research etc.
4. The proposals will be scored objectively by project review committee based on novelty, methodology, relevance, translation value, feasibility, appropriateness of budget etc. Emphasis will be given to the suitability of the proposal as per local or regional health issues and policy and practice implications.
5. Mid-level faculty/scientists are encouraged to apply.
6. Approval from the concerned LRAC is required.

Full proposals with proper background, literature review, rationale and relevance to national and regional health priorities, detailed methodology, partnering units, budget with justifications are to be submitted. The proposals are to be sent to mru-mrhru@icmr.gov.in. Last date of submission is 6 weeks from the date of publishing this call for proposal.

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