

Health Research Institute National Institute of Health

CALL FOR PROPOSALS ROUND 1

SMALL GRANTS:-

Health Research Institute (HRI) is pleased to advertise call for proposals to promote clinical, biomedical and public health research across the country in line with its mandate. This call encompasses research opportunities for all tiers of researchers and enhanced funding limits will provide added prospect for quality research.

Submission deadline: Last date for submission of proposals is **15th November, 2021**. The current call is open for the below listed health research priority areas:

S. #	Priority Research Area	Sub-areas
1.	Studies of interventions or innovations in health systems to address post COVID rebuilding in Pakistan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of Digital technologies, Artificial intelligence, modeling and data in understanding and mitigating direct and indirect health threats related to COVID-19 pandemic 2. Strengthening of Primary Healthcare Systems for early diagnosis and management 3. COVID-19 Vaccines; measurement and interventions to improve coverage, response, comparative efficacy and hesitancy 4. Health systems access and specialized care for underserved populations and reducing inequities
2.	<p>Non- Communicable diseases (Diabetes, Hypertension, Cancer, CVDs, chronic kidney diseases, Mental health conditions)</p> <p>These grants will support pilot studies to address and mitigate the burden of non-communicable diseases in Pakistan. Studies with the potential of scaling up will be preferred</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovative strategies and technologies for risk reduction and early diagnosis at individual and community level 2. Gaps, implementation challenges and solutions with the potential to influence policy and practices for NCD prevention and control 3. Predictors of disability onset in major NCDs and innovative strategies for rehabilitation.

		4. Implementation science focused on addressing common NCD risk factors through interventions that reduce health risk and/or enhance positive health and lifestyle behaviors in adolescents and youth
		5. Cost benefit analysis and incremental cost effectiveness of interventions among the key and/or marginalized populations
		6. Effective strategies for maintaining a sustainable and representative national database for NCDs and their risk factors

Small grants:

These grants will address specific and crucial health research issues that may arise at any time either at national level

Funding limit: Up to 02 million Pak Rupees

Duration: 12 to 18 months

Eligibility criteria

1. Mid-career researchers (Assistant/Associate Professors) in universities registered with HEC
2. Scientists/ researchers (mid-career) of R&D organizations
3. Principal Investigator (PI) must have a contract of employment with their organization for the total duration of the grant prior to application

How to apply

1. Applicants shall fill the proposal form on prescribed format available at HRI (Ex PHRC) website (<https://www.nih.org.pk/hri>) and submit one soft copy (email address: hri.grants21@gmail.com) and one hard copies to HRI Head office
2. Detailed CV need to be submitted along with proposal
3. A brief of institutional facilities available at each organization shall also be submitted
4. The complete proposal shall be duly signed by PI, Co-Is and Head of institution of principal applicant
5. Applicants shall strictly follow the instructions and guidelines defined for proposal submission forms and shall make sure that applications are complete in all aspects
6. Incomplete applications will not be further processed

Timelines for grant funding

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| 1. Call for proposal | 15.10.2021 |
| 2. Closing date for call for proposals | 15.11.2021 |
| 3. Peer review process | 16.11.2021 to 08.12.2021 |
| 4. Meeting of Technical Advisory Committee | 14.12.2021 |
| 5. Issuance of Award letter | 17.12.2021 |