

# **CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE DHR-CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF MODEL RURAL HEALTH RESEARCH UNIT (MRHRU), NAGALAND**

**Call No. 01/2004**

## **About MRHRU**

Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU) is one of the umbrella schemes established under the aegis of the Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. MRHRUs were set up with a focus on developing infrastructure for the promotion of health research across the country. MRHRU-Nagaland is one of the 34 MRHRUs in the country. MRHRU-Nagaland is located in Niuland and is mentored by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-Regional Medical Research Centre Northeast (RMRCNE), Dibrugarh, Assam. The MRHRU platform has the provision for undertaking research that is relevant and beneficial to local healthcare needs. To support the research activities, proposals are being invited from interested persons on any issue of regional or national importance.

## **Criteria for project submission:**

1. Any regular/permanent faculty/scientist working in state government medical facilities, hospitals, rural public health training centres, research institutes, and universities are eligible
2. Research proposal can be descriptive, observational, epidemiological, qualitative studies, implementation research on communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, adolescent health, environmental and occupational health, emerging pathogens and any other domains that are primarily focused on rural health.
3. The proposal should be submitted in the prescribed format duly forwarded by the head of the department/institute. (Font size-12, Font-Times New Roman).
4. The project budget should not exceed 6 lakhs.
5. The duration of the project should be limited to 12 months (3 months as a preparatory period without any funds).
6. The proposal that does not follow the prescribed format or exceeds the specified budget ceiling will be returned for the required modifications.

## **Selection process**

The proposal will be reviewed by the DHR-MRHRU-Local Research Advisory Committee (LRAC) constituted by the mentor institute-ICMR-RMRCNE and DHR. Projects will be evaluated based on novelty, methodology, relevance, feasibility, appropriate budget with

justification etc. Preference will be given to the suitability of the proposal focusing on local health issues and their implications on policy and practice.

### **Proposal format**

Full proposals with proper background, literature review, relevance to national and regional health priorities, detailed methodology, partnering units, and budget with justifications are to be submitted in the attached format.

### **Where to submit**

The proposals are to be sent to [nagaland.mrhru@gmail.com](mailto:nagaland.mrhru@gmail.com).

**Last submission date: 14/12/2024**

### **For any further queries related to this call, you may contact:**

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**PROJECT PROPOSAL FORMAT**  
**APPLICATION FOR AD-HOC/INTRAMURAL RESEARCH PROJECT**

**Section A**

(Follow Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12)

- 1. Title of the Research Project:**
- 2. State the**
  - a. Major area/ Discipline:
  - b. Sub-area / Discipline:
- 3. Category of project (Please tick):**
  - a. Clinical / Hospital based
  - b. Epidemiological / survey/population based
  - c. Basic Exploratory/ Mechanistic study (*in vitro/ in vivo*)
  - d. Leads generation
  - e. *de novo* study
  - f. Product development
- 4. In the case of a clinical/human-based study, whether the statistical calculation was made for sample size calculation or not –**
- 5. Name the person(s) who conceived and planned this project:**

(If any research student other than PI and Co-PI is involved in conceiving, planning or any stage of proposal formulation, kindly enlist his/her name. In case of violation of Intellectual Property Rights, PI may be blacklisted or appropriate action may be taken):
- 6. Name the person(s) who designed this project** (If any research student other than PI and Co-PI is involved in conceiving, planning or any stage of proposal formulation, kindly enlist his/her name. In case of violation of Intellectual Property Rights, PI may be blacklisted or appropriate action may be taken):
- 7. Name and Designation of:**

<b>PI/Co-PI details</b>	<b>Name &amp; details</b>
Principal Investigator with complete postal address, Mobile No., Telephone/Fax No. and Email:	
Co-Investigator(s) with complete postal address, Mobile No., Telephone/Fax No. and Email	

8. **State the nature of the Host Institute:** Central Govt./ State Govt./ Autonomous /NGO/Private
9. **Whether the host institute is DSIR certified:** Yes/ No (Please note DSIR certification is mandatory for NGO and Private Organizations)
10. **Duration of Research Project (in months):**
- Period which may be needed for collecting the data:
  - Period that may be required for analyzing the data:
11. **Amount of grant-in-aid asked for** (details are to be furnished in Section B)

Sl. No.	Item Head	Cost (in Rs.)
1.	Staff	
2.	Recurring	
3.	Non-recurring (equipment)	
4.	Travel	
5.	Overhead charges (3% of Sl. No. 1 & 2)	
<b>Grand Total</b>		

(Justification of the above heads)

12. **Institution responsible for the research project**
- Name:
  - Postal address:
  - Telephone:
  - e-mail:
  - Fax No.
13. **In case of Inter-sectoral research projects:**
- Name(s) of the Institution (s) / Agencies
  - Whether contributed financially
  - Amount / Budget contributed for this project
14. Is radio-tagged material proposed to be used in the project either for clinical trials or experimental purposes? If so, clearance from the Nuclear Medicine Committee, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, indicating should be attached.
15. Projects involving recombinant DNA/Genetic engineering work should be examined and a certificate by the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBSC) to be enclosed. Guidelines for the constitution of IBSC can be obtained from the Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, NewDelhi-110003.
16. The Institution where the study is being done should ensure that there is no financial conflict of interest by the investigators.

17. Whether your institution (private / NGO) is registered with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India/ Department of Health Research (DHR) as a health research institute. If yes, a certificate from DSIR/ DHR should be attached.

**Call for proposal for MRHRU, Nagaland-01/2024**

**Title of Research Proposal:** \_\_\_\_\_

### DECLARATION AND ATTESTATION

1. We have read the terms and conditions for the DHR Research Grant. All necessary Institutional facilities and support will be provided if the research project is approved for financial assistance.
2. We agree to submit within one month from the date of termination of the project the final report and a list of articles, both expendable and nonexpendable, left on the closure of the project.
3. We agree to submit an audited statement of accounts duly audited by the auditors as stipulated by the DHR.
4. It is further certified that the equipment(s) required for the project have not been purchased from the funds provided by DHR for another project(s) in the Institute.
5. We agree to submit all the raw data (along with descriptions) generated from the project to the DHR within one month from the date of completion/termination of the project. Further, all conditions stipulated in the sanction will be strictly complied with.
6. Actual Date of start of the project as indicated in the Sanction Order or inability to start the project on the specified date will be intimated to DHR positively within one week by registered post/ speed post as well as by email.
7. We hereby certify that the research proposal entitled “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” was not submitted to even partially to any other funding agency for financial assistance.
8. In case of failure to comply with any of the above said provisions, DHR will have all rights to ban the concerned Principal Investigator(s)/ Institute(s) for future funding from DHR for any specified period.

Name of the PI/Co-Is	Signature	Date
PI:		
Co-I(s)		

Signature of Head of the Department/Institute (With Seal)

Date:

**SECTION-B**  
**DETAILS OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT**

1. **Title of the project** (max 25 words):
2. **Summary:** (Summary indicating the overall aims of the research and importance of the research proposal. Application of the work in the context of national priorities of medical research, if any, may also be mentioned (250 words). A structured summary should contain the following subheadings: (i) Rationale/gaps in existing knowledge, (ii) Novelty, (iii) Objectives, (iv) Methods, and (v) Expected outcome.
3. **Problem Statement (up to 300 words):** (State the currently available information to present the problem adequately).
4. **Rationale of the study:** (Mention how the research question addresses the critical barrier(s) in scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or programmatic/clinical/lab practice and its relevance to local, national and international context with relevant bibliography) (Max 200 words):
5. **Hypothesis / Research question** (upto 100 words) (please provide the details):
6. **Study objectives** (up to 25 words/objectives):
7. Methodology (Include objective wise work plan under the following sub-heading):
  - a. Study design:
  - b. Study site:
  - c. Methods:
  - d. Sample size:
  - e. Implementation strategy:
  - f. Statistical analysis:
  - g. Ethical issues:
8. **Expected outcome of the study:**
9. Preliminary work already done by the Investigator on this problem, e.g. selection of subjects, standardization of methods, with results, if any.
10. Links with other ICMR projects (ad-hoc, task force or collaborative):
11. List of important publications of the last 5 years of all the investigators in the relevant fields (enclose reprints, if available):

12. Facilities in terms of equipment, etc, available at the sponsoring institution for the proposed investigation.

13. Budget requirements (with a detailed break-up and full justification):

<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Amount (in Rs.)</b>
(1) Staff	
(2) Contingencies	
(a) Recurring	
(b) Non-recurring (equipment)	
(c) Travel	
(3) Overhead charge [3% of Sl. No. 1 & 2(a)]	
<b>Total (in Rs.)</b>	

Justification of the budget (in detail):

14. References

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