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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Invitation of application for Faculty Research Grants for the year 2025-26

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The applications are invited from the teaching faculty working in all affiliated colleges for award of research grants for the year 2025-26. The Directors/Deans/Principals of all the affiliated institutions are hereby informed to communicate the same to all the teaching faculty of their institution.

The calendar of events for submission of application forms are as follows:

1.	Hosting Of Applications	4 th week of April 2025
2.	Last Date for Uploading the applications	20 th June 2025
3.	Evaluation by Internal and External Subject Experts	July 2025
4.	Interactions with Principal Investigators and Expert Committee	September -2025
5.	Placing of recommended proposals before Finance committee and Syndicate	October 2025
6.	Release of grants	November 2025

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANTS:

1	The prescribed application forms can be downloaded from RGUHS website http://www.rguhs.ac.in/AdvancedResearch.htm from 4 th week of April 2025
2	Proposals will be evaluated based on the information provided in Section A and B separately.

3	(a) The technical part of the research proposals (Section B) will be evaluated by the Internal and External Subject Experts for 80 marks. The research proposal which score 70% or more marks in both Internal and external evaluation will be eligible for interview with Research Expert Committee. (b) The Subject Experts within the university will be Internal evaluators and Subject experts from outside the Karnataka State/University will be external evaluators.
4	The Research Expert Committee will interview the eligible Principal Investigators/Co-investigators. In the interview the Principal Investigator has to score minimum of 50% marks to get selected for award of grants.
5	The evaluation criteria for the Subject Experts and the Research Expert Committee will include the following

A. Criteria for evaluating the research proposals by the Internal and External Experts separately.	Max.Marks
(1) Originality of the proposal- (Following will be taken into consideration) a. Purpose (Novelty/Innovation) b. Tools(Bio-medical/equipment related development) c. Technique(New clinical technique/ improvement over existing technique) d. Procedure (Improvement/ Simplification)	20
(2) Expected contribution of the proposed research to knowledge base – (Following will be taken into consideration) a. Upgrading the existing knowledge (Preliminary work already done) b. Totally new research with impact on clinical/public health/health science	15
(3) Contribution of the proposed research to the society- (Following will be taken into consideration) A.In terms of change in policy (Social/Public Health) b.In terms of economics(Cost saving) c.In terms of simplification(Applicability and Acceptability)	15
(4) Research methodology employed including statistics- (Following will be taken into consideration) a.Clear objectives described? b.Clear description of work-plan using CONSORT (RCT) or STROBE (Epidemiology) or ARRIVE (animal research) guidelines? c.Is the statistical plan described? Power of the study?	20

(5) Ability of the proposal to get grants in future – (Following will be taken into consideration) a. Robustness of the proposal in fundamental/applied aspects b. Does the project fit within major funding drives/collaboration c. Is there an indication of future plans?	10
TOTAL	80
B. Criteria for evaluating the research proposals by the Expert Committee	Max.Marks
(1) Any grants received from any other funding agency other than RGUHS by the Principal Investigator	01
(2) Number of publications of the PI in the last 3 years in National/International indexed journals (one mark per paper upto a maximum of 5 marks)	01
(3) Infrastructural facilities present in the college to carry out the proposed research activity	01
(4) Any preliminary work done in the same research field by the PI	01
(5) Whether running any concurrent PG/Ph.D. courses in the department	01
(6) Assessment of the PI during the interview with the Expert Committee	15
TOTAL	20

6	The Guidelines to adhered while applying for the RGUHS research grants: • The maximum Research grants per project is Rs. 20 lakhs and maximum duration of the research is 2 years. • Cost involved in getting the required tests/experiments done outside in case of non-availability of infrastructure required in the institution and test reports should be submitted with GST/PAN numbered bills and vouchers without fail for audit purposes. • PhD Students can be taken as Junior Research Assistants provided that their research work is not related to the research project submitted by the Principal Investigator for research grants. • The non-technical research assistants i.e. secretarial assistant shall be paid maximum of Rs.6000/- per month and graduate research assistant shall be paid maximum Rs.12000/- per month as honorarium.
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	- Honorarium for the supportive staff (graduate research assistant/non-technical research assistants), travel, accommodation, stationery, Printing, Publication cost and cost of registration of conferences put together should not exceed 30% of the total project cost. <u>PI and CO-PI are not eligible for any honorarium.</u>
	Presentation of the research paper/poster is admissible only in national conference. Presentation in international conferences (offline/online) is not admissible.
	- Publication of the final paper in an indexed national/international journal with high impact factor. - However part of the work shall be published in RGUHS e-Journals mandatorily.
	No grants will be released for the purchase/rental/lease of the equipment's (software/hardware) such as laptop, printers, note pads, mobiles, voice recorders, books, furniture, pen drive etc Equipment's/ instruments, however small or big shall not be purchased from the research grant.
7	Institutional (Human) Ethical Committee/ Institutional Animal Ethical committee clearance is mandatory for processing of research proposal and should be submitted while applying for the grants. (Note: The IEC/IAEC certificate has to be for the research applied and shall be valid for the study period) NOTE: INSTITUTIONAL (HUMAN) ETHICAL COMMITTEE should be registered under DHR (Department of Health Research, INDIA) and certificate should be submitted along with IEC at the time of applying for research.
8	Wherever animal experiments are involved, it is mandatory to have CPCSEA approval of the institution and the Institutional Animal Ethical Committee shall be formed as per CPCSEA guidelines and IAEC clearance of the project is mandatory.
9	If the Principal investigator is getting tests/experiments done from any other Research institute, they shall have MOU's and obtain IEC/IAEC from that research institute also.
10	If the research proposal does not involve any human or animal experimentation, then the Principal Investigator and Principal / Head of the Institute shall give an undertaking to that effect.
11	Intellectual Property Rights will be governed as per the guidelines issued by RGUHS.
12	All the Principal Investigators of the Research Project shall necessarily follow the guidelines issued by Indian Council for Medical Research, New Delhi or any other apex body guidelines as applicable to that concerned faculty.

13	Research grants will not be provided for conducting service camps in the communities, health education programs, routine health checkups and screening of populations/groups, etc.
14	Such of the Principal Investigators who have already received any type of research grants from RGUHS for the previous years are not eligible to apply. However, if they have completed the research activity and obtained completion certificate from the department of Advanced research, RGUHS then such investigators are eligible to apply for this year research grants.
15	PG and Ph.D. students are not eligible to apply. The investigator who has already RGUHS approved projects cannot apply for PhD until the research project is completed or else the PI has to quit the project and the project shall be continued by the CO-PI after taking consent from the university.
16	The fulltime/permanent teaching faculty working in affiliated institutions conducting UG/PG/Super Specialty courses is only eligible to apply for this research grants.
17	Principal Investigator is eligible for only one research project. He/she cannot become PI/Co-Investigator for any other RGUHS research project.
18	The Principal Investigator can propose maximum of two Co-Principal Investigator out of which first Co-PI shall be from the same department and same institute where the Principal Investigator is working.
19	For any reason if PI and Co-PI leaves the institute without completing the project, the head of the institution is responsible and shall mandatorily refund the research grant along with accrued interest to the university immediately.
20	The Guidelines to be adhered by PI's before submitting the bills and vouchers : • As per the KTPP ACT rules the Head of the Institute and Principal investigator should procure all the research related items. other bills will not be accepted. • All the bills and vouchers should be attested by head of the institute and PI. • All the bills and vouchers should be GST bills and bills should have the companies/stores REG number, PAN number, and GST numbers. • PI should attend the seminar/conference only if they are presenting the research paper sanctioned by RGUHS. If the PI submits the bills for claiming TA/DA for presenting their research paper, they should submit certificate of Paper presentation in the conference and abstract that they have presented along with bills.

- If the PI submits the bills of LAB experiments/tests etc. the company or lab should certify the test reports that they have tested so many samples/Patients and PI should submit the certified reports along with bills.
- The PI should submit the vouchers for paying salaries/honorarium to JRF/research assistants etc. and it should be signed by the receiver, PI and Head of the institute. The salaries should be paid only through Cheque or RTGS and should reflect in the Bank transactions and cash transactions.(Note: PI and CO-PI should not claim Honorarium)
- If the PI submits the bills for purchasing from their own Institutions /sister concerns, then the pharmacy, shops, labs etc. bills should include GST and bills should have the REG number, PAN number, and GST numbers.
- Statement of Expenditure should be submitted in accordance with the bills enclosed along with details of payment made to the vendors. If bills are not according to the statement of expenditure, then such bills will not be accepted and next instalment will not be released.
- The research grants should be utilized in 70:30 percentage ratio. For each installment 70% utilization for research proper and 30% utilization includes salaries to research assistant, travel, conference in national level, stationery, research publication etc.
- The principal Investigators are not allowed to use RGUHS research funds for presenting their research paper in international conference which is done outside INDIA.(Including physical visit and virtual conferences)
- The monitoring committee members should verify the bills and vouchers whether it has been utilized properly for the research purpose only and duly certify the bills with seal and signature.
- The Principal Investigators cannot claim for travelling to RGUHS for collecting grants, courier charges for sending to RGUHS, affidavit charges and Seal/stamp charges out of RGUHS research funds.
- No purchase books for research purpose in RGUHS fund.
- Project code has to be mentioned compulsorily in all the communications /transactions with the department of Advanced Research.
- In case of change in PI, the head of the institute shall intimate the same to advanced research dept, RGUHS and a fresh sanction order shall be received in the name of new PI. Option

	to change the PI shall be given only once during the complete duration of the study.
21	The candidates shall upload the PDF form of application. The Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator and Head of the Institute shall affix their seal and signature only in the Section A. Section B should not contain the signature or any other mark or information which reveals the identity of the candidate or the institute. Please note that the application for research grants shall be uploaded in the following link: www.rguhs.ac.in/AdvanceResearch.htm The applications sent by email or any other mode will not be considered. The last date for uploading application form is 20th JUNE 2025 at 5.30 p.m. The hard copy of the application need not be sent to the University.
23	For any further details the applicants can contact 080-29601976 on all working days between 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
24	The discretion for award of grants totally rests with the University and subject to availability of funds.

Special note: All the above instructions should be strictly adhered to with regard to filling and submission of application online, the failure of which will result in rejection of application without assigning any reason.

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To,

The Director/Dean/Principals of all the Colleges/Institutes affiliated to RGUHS with a request to host this information on the college/institute website and notice board for information to all teachers.

Copy to:

1. PA to Vice-Chancellor/Registrar/Registrar (Eva)/Finance Officer, RGUHS
2. The System Analyst to host the notification and application in RGUHS website.
3. The Director, Advance Research, RGUHS.