**IQRAA INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANT**

1. **Aim**

The IQRAA Internal Research Grant aims to foster a strong research culture within the hospital by supporting short-term research projects in clinical and basic science research. It seeks to strengthen the research ecosystem, promote knowledge sharing, and encourage scholarly publications among IQRAA healthcare professionals.

1. **Target Group**

The grant is intended to support research projects of physicians, medical students, Ph.D. scholars, and other healthcare professionals.

1. **Grant Specifications**

The project duration will be up to a maximum period up to 12 months. A maximum funding of up to INR 400,000 will be provided per project. The number of projects funded will depend on the availability of funds. Grants will be awarded purely based on academic merit and will consider the scope, relevance, budget justification, and potential impact of the proposed research. Each project must have one Principal Investigator (PI) and one or two Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs).

All research projects must be initiated, led, and primarily conducted by personnel affiliated with IQRAA Hospital. All data generated through research activities must be primarily attributed to IQRAA Hospital to ensure institutional ownership and recognition. Utilization of collaborative facilities from external institutions is permitted in instances where the required research infrastructure is not available at IQRAA Hospital.

1. **Eligibility Criteria for Principal Investigator**

The Principal Investigator must have an MBBS, MD, or Ph.D. degree with at least two original research articles published.

1. **Terms & Conditions:**
* No additional funds shall be sought from any other organization or agency if an award is made under this program.
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* The project must adhere strictly to scientific integrity standards throughout its duration.
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1. **How to apply**?

The proposal can be submitted for financial support through ONLINE MODE ONLY (https://iqraahospital.in/icrd/research/iirg/) by the Principal Investigator on behalf of the proposed team.

Steps for Application:

1. Download the research proposal format from <https://iqraahospital.in/icrd/research/iirg/>.
2. Fill the proposal format with the required details.
3. Print the filled proposal, sign it, and scan the signed copy.
4. Upload the duly signed research proposal using the online application form available at https://iqraahospital.in/iirg-application/.

*ANNEXURE 1*

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORMAT FOR INTERNAL GRANT**

1. **Project Details**

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| **Item**  | **Description**  |
| Project Title  |  |
| Scientific Area  |  |
| Proposed Total Budget |  |
| Estimated Duration  |  |
| Proposed Starting Date  |  |

1. **Project Team**

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| Sl. No. | Name | Role (PI/Co-PI/ RA/Consultant) | Area of Specialization |
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1. **Summary (up to 250 words):** A structured summary should contain the following subheadings: Rationale/ gaps in existing knowledge,Novelty, Objectives, Methods, and Expected outcome.
2. **Keywords** : Six keywords separated by comma which best describe your project may be provided.
3. **Abbreviations** : Only standard abbreviations should be used in the text. List of abbreviations maximum of **ten may be** given as a list.
4. **Introduction and Review of literature (up to 500 words).**
5. **Rationale of the study (up to 500 words)** : 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.
6. **Hypothesis/ Research question.**
7. **Study Objectives:** Define the objectives clearly and in measurable terms; mention as primary and secondary objectives, if necessary.
8. **Methodology:** Include the following sub-headings:
	1. Study design
	2. Study area (multiple choice): Community/Hospital/Laboratory
	3. Sample size estimation and sampling strategy
	4. Primary and secondary outcome measures
	5. Design of statistical analysis
9. **MAPPING OF PHASES AND TASKS TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES**

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| **Objective/****Activity** | **Description** | **Timeline (months)** | **Expected outcome** | **Responsible** |
| **1-3** | **4-6** | **7-9** | **9-12** |
| **Objective 1** | *Write objective 1 here* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Activity 2 | *Write activity 2 here* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Objective 2** | *Write objective 2 here* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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***Note: Put ✓ wherever necessary according to your study timeline.***

 ***In the column “Responsible” add the initials of the person responsible for the respective activity.***

 ***For e.g., Dr. Hasan V.M. should be written as HVM.***

1. **Expected outcome/ Deliverables** from the project i.e., what will be known at the end, if the project achieves all the stated objectives (up to 100 words)
2. **Immediate next steps** following the end of the project (up to 100 words)
3. Whether the study is going to generate new intellectual property Please provide details
4. References
5. **Budget:** Justifications for all sub-headings under budget to be provided in detail. Without appropriate justification, the project will not be considered for review.

**Manpower** (Temporary positions)

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| **Sl. No.** | **Position** | **Stipend per Month** | **Months** | **Total**  | **Justification** |
|  | Research Associate (IQRAA staff) | 5000 |  |  |  |
|  | Research Associate (Non - IQRAA) | 20000 |  |  |  |
|  | Technician (IQRAA staff) | 3000 |  |  |  |
|  | Technician (Non - IQRAA) | 15000 |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |

**Consumables**

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**Contingency**

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1. Details of PI/Co-PI

**Details of PI**

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| a) Name of PI with designation |  |
| b) Area of Interest |  |
| c) h-index - Scopus |  |
| d) h-index - Google scholar |  |
| e) Publications (in past 5 years): |
| **Publication details in AMA style** | **Impact factor** | **Author type (first, corresponding, co-author)** | **Type of article (original research article, review article, case report, case series, letter to editor)** |
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| f) Experience as Investigator: |
| **Short title of project** | **Role****(PI/Co-PI)** | **Funding agency** | **Amount of funding** | **Status (Ongoing/ Completed)** |
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**Details of Co-PI**

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| a) Name of Co-PI with designation |  |
| b) Area of Interest |  |
| c) h-index - Scopus |  |
| d) h-index - Google scholar |  |
| e) Publications (in past 5 years): |
| **Publication details in AMA style** | **Impact factor** | **Author type (first, corresponding, co-author)** | **Type of article (original research article, review article, case report, case series, letter to editor)** |
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**Undertaking**

I, the undersigned, hereby declare and confirm that:

* No part of this proposal has been funded by any other source
* The submitted proposal is original, prepared with full adherence to scientific integrity standards and bioethical regulations.
* I have not received, and will not seek (if awarded), funding for this proposal from any source other than the one to which this proposal is being submitted.
* If selected, the project will be conducted in accordance with the rules, regulations, and expectations of the funding body.
* I commit to delivering the required scientific outputs, including at least one Scopus/Web of Science publication and one conference presentation.
* I understand and accept the review mechanism and the funding disbursement schedule outlined in the Terms and Conditions.

**Declaration**

I hereby confirm that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the grant. I agree to comply with the terms and conditions for the successful completion of the project.

Name, designation and Signature of PI with date:

Name, designation and Signature of Co-PI with date:

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