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Request for Proposal: NHRC Provincial Research Grant
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1. Introduction

Nepal Health Research Council (NHRC) was established in 1991 as an autonomous body to promote health research in Nepal. One of the main functions of the council is capacity development of national researchers in the area of health research methodology. The Council provides research grants to Nepalese undergraduate and post graduate students, faculties and national researchers to enhance their capacities in conducting studies in areas related to national health priorities. This call is for provincial research grants. The research grants are also expected to bridge local evidence need for health decision making at provincial and municipality levels in Nepal.

2. Purpose

The Purpose of NHRC Provincial Research Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) is to support innovative research projects on health from eligible Nepali citizens (as outlined in section 5 of this RFP).

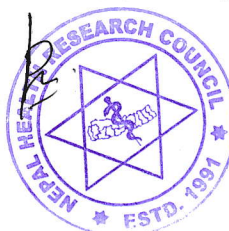
3. Grant Scope

The research grant seeks bold proposal that will contribute to bridging the evidence gap for Successful implementation of Goal 3 of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Proposed research project must be bold, innovative and transformable, and must have the potential to impact on good health and well-being of the Nepalese population. The grant aims to seek research proposal on the following themes;

- Neonatal, Maternal and Child Health, and nutrition
- Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Mental Health
- Accident and injuries
- Universal health coverage, health financing and health care services
- Non communicable disease risk factors, preventions and policies
- Healthy workplace
- Oral Health, Eye Health and ENT
- Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- Environmental health
- Climate change and health
- International travel and health

4. Duration

The running time for research project is normally 6 months. All successful applicants must complete their project within 6 months after a signing grant agreement form of the NHRC but no later than 30 June 2021.



5. Eligibility Criteria

- Only applicants from Nepal are eligible to apply.
- Researchers should be a health workers/academia/health care provider/health care manager with academic background and professional experiences in Health Sciences, Medicine, Nursing or related to health sciences.
- Organizations involved in providing health services at local level are eligible to apply. Organizations should not be legally convicted of participation in a criminal organisation, corruption, fraud, money laundering, or been convicted of criminal offenses relating to professional conduct.
- The scientific personals must not be employed at organizations that conduct research for commercial purpose.
- A project can only have one Principal Investigator and other as co-investigators.
- Applicant should not have a history of criminal record or convicted of criminal offence.
- Applications must include all required information and attachments. Only complete applications will be considered for peer review.
- Proposed ideas must be aligned with the research priority areas
- Every product created by the research shall be subject to the open access principle.
- Researchers must comply with the National Ethics Guideline for Health Research of the NHRC.

6. Application Instructions

Application can be submitted electronically at the email (grant.nhrc@gmail.com) of Capacity Building Section of the NHRC. Electronic application should be submitted in Word file format. Application should be submitted in English. Applicant should submit the following documents;

- Research Proposal (See Annex I for the template)
- CV of Principle Investigators and Co-Investigators
- A copy of citizenship of Principle Investigator
- A copy of registration certificate and tax clearance certificate for organizational proposals

7. Review Process

The Capacity Building Section of the NHRC will verify that the proposals meet the formal criteria such as completeness, formal presentation and submission within the deadlines. Proposals that do not meet these criteria will not be processed further. Proposals will be evaluated by the independent Review Panel according to a peer review procedure. Upon completion of peer review including ethical review, NHRC will receive a ranking list and ratings from the Review Panel. Selection decisions will be based on the ranking list and ratings received from the Panel.

8. Evaluation Criteria

Research proposals will be judged against the following criteria;

- Is the proposed idea clearly articulated and justify its novelty?
- Is the potential impact of the proposed research important, both in terms of bridging the evidence gap and impact on policy?



- Is the project scientifically/technically/ethically sound and feasible within the timeline and proposed budget?
- Do the Principal Investigator and team have the skills to carry out the proposed research?
- Does the proposed idea have the potential to fundamentally transform how a health challenge is addressed?

9. Application Schedule

Complete Application must be submitted by **Wednesday, September 30, 2020 17:00 PM.**

Key Deadlines	Events
September 30, 2020	Application Deadline at 17:00 PM
October 15, 2020	Notification of Award
November 1, 2020	Execution of Award

10. Correspondence

Any queries related to this RFP should be directed to the Capacity Building Section, Nepal Health Research Council, Ramshah Path, P.O. Box No: 7626, Kathmandu, (Email: grant.nhrc@gmail.com), (Phone: +977 1-4254220/4227460), (Fax: +977 1-4262469/4268284).

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Annex I: Template for Research Proposal

The research proposal should be structured around following template to fulfill criteria for success submission. The Proposal should be submitted in English, and should be a maximum of 10 pages (excluding cover page and the bibliography).

- **Cover Page**

Project title, Name of Principal Investigator and team members, affiliated organization and designation

- **Knowledge in the field of proposed research and the novelty or research project**

Set out the scientific background and basis of your project. Explain the need to perform research on the topic you propose, related to the *local* situation and current *national* and *international* development debates and policies. Please highlight the research gap your research will bridge and the novelty of the topic, approach or method you propose.

- **Research objectives/Hypothesis**

Specify the research hypotheses and the concrete objectives that you aim to achieve during the lifetime of the project. Explain why the issue looked at is of national importance.

- **Methodology**

Describe the strategies your project will use to implement the propose research. The strategy should include clear description of research methods by which the research goals are to be attended such as research design, sampling, and data collection and analysis plan.

- **Potential Impact t of the Project**

Explain, through a short context analysis at local, national and international level, how the project (findings) will contribute to the achievement of the Goal 3 of the SDGs. Describe how the proposed research project is important in terms of bridging the evidence gap and impact on health policy and practice.

- **Project Schedule and Budget**

Outline major activities with the completion timeframe and estimated budget.

- **Bibliography**

The bibliography should follow the Vancouver referencing style. The bibliography must be part of the document, but does not count towards the 10-page restriction.

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