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## Call for Proposals India Cancer Research Consortium

Under the India Cancer Research Consortium, ICMR-ICRC invites applicants to submit a concept proposal of 3-4 pages in different areas of cancer as per the details given below.

### Background

India Cancer Research Consortium (ICMR-ICRC) is a research collaboration established under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research-Department of Health Research (ICMR-DHR) to promote, articulate and prioritize cancer research in our country. The idea behind establishing the consortium is to identify the gaps in cancer research in India by bringing together all stakeholders--government/non-government institutions/ academic institutions/ industry to improve cancer outcome. The Consortium's Technical Advisory Group has identified six key thematic areas to prioritize and articulate research challenges.

### Scope

For the second call for proposals, research proposals are invited under six thematic areas:

- Prevention & Epidemiology
- Diagnostics
- Therapeutics
- Palliative Care
- Basic biology and
- Innovation

Sub areas that have been identified under the thematic groups are:

- Covid and cancer
- Tobacco and cancers
- Cancers in special groups (tribal population)
- Development of newer tools and early diagnostics for cancer

- Ovarian cancers (correlation with rampant use of infertility drugs and incidence of ovarian cancers)
- Alcohol and obesity related cancers and
- Development of validation assay/tool/solution which are ready to be rolled out for clinical trial in 3 years.

### **Who can submit project proposals?**

The project proposal can be submitted for financial support through ONLINE MODE ONLY by scientists/ professionals who have a regular employment in medical colleges/ Research Institutes/Universities/recognized Research & Development laboratories/ Government and semi-government organizations and NGOs (documentary evidence of their recognition including DSIR/SIRO certificate would be required with the application).

Note: Thematic group members are not eligible to apply to avoid conflict of interest.



### **Points to be kept in mind while submitting concept proposals:**

Duration of the research projects will be for three years which can be extended upto 5 years. The grant provided per proposal will be up to 5 crores for the total duration. The proposals are expected to be as per following general principles:

1. The proposals must address **at least one of the above mentioned thematic areas & also one of the sub thematic areas of ICRC.**
2. Should focus on outcomes that are readily translatable into practice.
3. Preferably in multidisciplinary collaborative mode.
4. Be Innovative and promote development of indigenous technologies.
5. Be feasible and within the constraints of the funding and time available.
6. Foreign collaboration is not allowed under the call.
7. Priority will be given to projects that are ready for implementation/scalability in the form of deliverables and point of care technologies and to projects from North-East region, considering the high incidence and paucity of data on cancer in the North-East.

**Review process:**

Once the call is closed, the eligible concept proposals will be subjected to evaluation for technical correctness, novelty, feasibility, achievable milestones, timelines, budget adequacy and potential for impact by expert groups of ICRC. Based on these criteria some of the concept proposals will be shortlisted. Shortlisted applicants will then be required to submit full proposals within 2 months.

**Important Note:**

All concept proposals should be submitted online at <https://epms.icmr.org.in> as a brief 3-4 page concept note on/before **1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, 5:00 PM**. No submission after this time will be accepted and no queries in this regard will be entertained. Format of submitting concept proposals can be downloaded from [here](#) .

**Steps to be followed for online submission:**

1. Open the ICMR Electronics Project Management System (e PMS) portal <https://epms.icmr.org.in>
2. Project proposal submission is three steps process in e-PMS.
  - Step 1 : PI Registration/Login
  - Step 2: Verify Email Id and Complete/Update PI Profile
  - Step 3 : Apply for Grant through submission of concept proposal
3. Click on "LOGIN and select "**Register**" for new registration OR else if already registered provide details to login and enter into e-PMS portal.
4. After registration in the portal, login in the portal. Verify your registered email and complete the PI profile. IP profile includes Personal detail such as Salute, Name, DOB as per 10<sup>th</sup> certificate, Details of 10<sup>th</sup> (Board name, roll number, Year of passing), Attachment (10<sup>th</sup> certificate/mark sheet), Gender (Male/Female), Category (GEN, OBC, SC, ST), State, District, Institute Name (if name doesn't exist in the drop down list then there is an option to add the new institute also), Designation, Nature of Employment, Department, Broad Area of Research, Subject Area.

5. After completing mandatory section of PI Profile, click on “Submit Concept Proposal” under “Proposal Submission” menu. Click on “Apply” at action column.
6. The user manual of e-PMS (under Guidelines-> e-PMS menu) available at <https://epms.icmr.org.in> Before proceed to submission the proposal, it is suggested to read user manual and guidelines; and make ready all relevant information, documents and research plan.
7. Contact at [po.epms@icmr.gov.in](mailto:po.epms@icmr.gov.in) for any technical issue or query.