



Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS)

Observance of Siddha Day

Mini Project Research Grant



About the mini research project

- The CCRS mini project research grant is accorded on commemoration with Siddha Day 2018.
- The grant is extended to assist the student in their early stages of professional career and development to encourage the pursuit of research.
- Mini research projects are given as an opportunity to Siddha students to encourage scientific temper.
- The sanctioned projects for the grant will be announced on the Siddha day i.e. 26th December, 2018 and the fund will be provided on submission of ethical clearances / approval, if required.
- The grant amount will be released to The Principal/ Institutions ---Siddha Medical colleges and not directly to the students
- Maximum duration to complete the mini research project is six months.

Eligibility

- This project is only for the undergraduates (B.S.M.S) and postgraduate M.D (S) students
- CRRI (Internees) are not eligible to apply.
- A student (Principal Investigator) and one or two students (Co-investigators) together as a team must carry out research work under a faculty member who is employed in their college as a guide.
- Only permanent full-time faculty members (regular, diversion, deputation) working in college where the student is enrolled can act as the guide.
- Part time consultants/visiting faculty/ residents/cannot be the guide.
- The student should have one guide and one research supervisor (HOD / Principal of the college)
- Only one project can be submitted by the students and faculty members (guide).
- Proposals submitted on the same topic by different students from the same college are liable to be rejected.

Grant

- Two projects for postgraduate students will be awarded Rs.25,000/- each
- Five projects for undergraduate students will be awarded Rs.10,000/- each

Selection Procedure

- The selection of the candidates for award of research grant will be done after technical evaluation of the research project proposal by a panel of experts.
- The decision of the CCRS in regard to selection of projects will be final.
- The short-listed students will be intimated through mail and will be called for interview through SKYPE/GOOGLE HANGOUT.

Type of study

The following studies can be submitted for consideration:

- Clinical Intervention – internal / external therapies, case series, case studies
- Epidemiological / survey / field research
- Preclinical study – only on higher order medicines will be considered
- Validation of Siddha Diagnostics
- Product Development – medicine / nutraceutical / software applications
- Literary documentation – epigraphic or monumental
- Traditional knowledge from Vaidhyars / folklore community
- Digitization and decoding of unpublished manuscripts
- Standardization of higher order medicines – using PLIM guidelines
- IT enabled products (mobile android applications, multimedia animations)

Submission of Proposal

1. Research proposal should be submitted **through the Principal** within 7 pages with the following sections addressed to the **Director General, Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS)** to the mail ID: siddhaday2018@gmail.com before 15th December 2018. In the subject of mail mention “Mini Project Research Grant”.
2. The research proposal should be accompanied by a self-certificate by the students and the research supervisor (HOD / Principal of the college) enclosed as Annexure I - Scanned copy to be sent
3. An undertaking should be given by the Principle Investigator, Co-Investigator, guide and research supervisor jointly stating that the project will be completed within the stipulated period and the received fund will be genuinely utilized for the project enclosed as Annexure II - Scanned copy to be sent
4. It is necessary to submit the approval certificate from Institutional Ethical Committee / Institutional review board, if the study involves human subjects - or certificate from IAEC, if the study involves animals - Scanned copy to be sent

Title

- The title should be short, accurate and concise.
- It should convey the central objectives and variables of the study clear to the reviewer.

Introduction

- Please describe the importance (significance) of the study.
- Describe the reason that led you to select them.

- Describe the current situation specifying the gaps in the existing knowledge and/ or controversy or inconclusive evidence and how your research will provide a solution.

Objectives

- Should specify what kind of knowledge the study is expected to obtain.
- It should give a clear idea of what is to be described, determined, identified, compared or confirmed.
- Hypothesis may be stated and objectives should be specific, to the point and achievable.

Methodology

- Describes all the procedures that will be used to achieve the objectives and justify the study design including any techniques and procedures to be used.
- This includes type of study, study design, study population, sample size and selection criteria, proposed intervention (if applicable), data collection procedures and instruments used, quality control, confidentiality, plan of analysis/ statistical tools, ethical considerations etc.

Outcome

- Describes what is expected to be achieved or gained from the proposed research.

Budget

- Expenditure involved for the project with proper justification should be indicated

References

- Provide appropriate references from recently published journals/ literature supporting the proposed research.

Bio-data

- Short Bio-data (1 to 2 pages) of the Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator and Guide mentioning the details of papers presented in conferences / seminar and articles published in journal.

Research conduct

- It is important to adapt highest ethical standards while conduct of research.
- Research Integrity is very crucial for good conduct of research and its outcomes.
- Kindly avoid research misconduct which can be of various types like; research duplication, fabrication, falsification or plagiarism in preparing the research proposal, conducting the research project, recording of data, analysis of results, preparation of the report.
- After the completion of study, a detailed report has to be submitted to the CCRS within 6 months of receiving the grant.
- Utilization Certificate along with Expenditure statement and break up to be provided after the completion of the study.
- Expenditure pertaining to project study must be supported by proper Bills / Vouchers. Expenditure above Rs.5,000/- should be supported by Stamped Receipt

Terms and Conditions

- The proposed mini research project should be as innovative and not mere repetition of previously carried out studies.
- The dissertation or thesis subject of the Post-Graduates should not be presented as mini research project.
- The proposal should give in detail the original work to be carried out by the students within six months under the Guide. If any kind of research misconduct is noticed at any stage the proposal / report would be rejected and in-turn warrant the return of research grant.
- A student team can submit only one proposal under a guide. A guide can forward only one student team application. Please note that in case of more than one submission by student/ guide all proposals will be automatically rejected.
- The research grant is non-transferable and cannot be given to another student in the event of non-acceptance after getting approval. However, in case of transfer of guide the student can take another faculty member from the same department as guide with permission from the college and CCRS.
- Upon completion of the mini research project, the guide must encourage the students to write research papers under their guidance for **publication in peer reviewed/indexed journals only and not in predatory journals**.
- In any such presentation/ publication appropriate acknowledgement should be given to mini project research grant of CCRS under which the research was carried out.
- Once the paper/ abstract is published, a copy of the same must be sent to CCRS for information. Similarly, if the student receives an award or honour, information should be shared with CCRS by email.

Note:

Last date for submission of the research proposal: 15th December 2018.

The applications received after the last date will not be considered.

About CCRS:

Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS), under the aegis of Ministry of AYUSH, Govt. of India, is the apex body pertaining to research in Siddha system of Medicine. CCRS is working towards the scientific validation of Siddha System of Medicine through clinical research, drug research, medicinal plants research, fundamental research, literary research and documentation.

CCRS is carrying out its research activities and health care services mainly through 7 peripheral Institutes/Units – 3 located in Tamil Nadu, one each in Puducherry, Kerala, Karnataka and New Delhi. CCRS is currently carrying out 33 Intra-mural Research (IMR) Projects funded by Ministry of AYUSH.

Certificate to be signed by the Students (Principal Investigator / Co-Investigators)

We _____, S/o / D/o _____

and _____, S/o / D/o _____

and _____, S/o / D/o _____

hereby declare that the project entitled “.....”
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submitted to the Central Council for Research in Siddha, Chennai, has not obtained or applied for any grant-in-aid for the aforesaid project to any other funding agency.

Moreover, we certify that the information provided for the mini project research grant to CCRS is true to the best to our knowledge. In the event of any information is found to be false, my research grant can be cancelled. We also certify that the research proposal is an original work prepared under the guidance of my guide and supervisor.

Signature of Student : _____

Name of the Student : _____

Date : _____

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Name of the Student : _____

Date : _____

Signature of Student : _____

Name of the Student : _____

Date : _____

Signature of Guide : _____

Name : _____

Date : _____

Designation : _____

Department : _____

Forwarded by Research Supervisor (HOD / Principal):

Undertaking to be signed by the Student (Principal Investigator / Co-Investigators)

We _____, S/o / D/o _____

and _____, S/o / D/o _____

and _____, S/o / D/o _____

hereby declare that the project entitled “.....”
.....”

to the Central Council for Research in Siddha, Chennai within a period of 6 months as per the terms and conditions mentioned in the guidelines for the mini research project grant. We will genuinely utilize the received fund for the aforesaid project. If we fail to submit the project report to the Council within a period of 6 months, we shall remit the grant received in full to the Council by giving a suitable reason for the non-utilization of the grant.

Signature of the Principal Investigator

Signature of the Co-Investigator

Signature of the Co-Investigator

Signature of the Guide

Signature of the HOD / Principal