



**Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS)**  
**Observance of 8<sup>th</sup> Siddha Day**  
**Mini Project Research Grant**  
**for BSMS & MD(S)**



**About the mini research project**

- The CCRS mini project research grant is accorded in commemoration of Siddha Day by CCRS.
- The grant is extended to encourage the students towards Research in their early stages of professional career and development to encourage the pursuit of research in Siddha.
- Mini research projects are given as an opportunity to Siddha students to inculcate scientific temper.
- The sanctioned projects for the grant will be announced on the 8<sup>th</sup> Siddha day i.e. 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 and 80% fund will be provided on submission of ethical clearances / requisite approvals only.
- The grant amount will be only released to The Principal / Institutions -- Siddha Medical colleges and not directly to the students concerned
- Maximum duration to complete the mini research project is six months.

**Eligibility**

- This project is only for the Under Graduate (B.S.M.S) and Post Graduate M.D (S) students
- CRR (Internees) and final year BSMS & MD (S) Students are not eligible to apply.
- A student (Principal Investigator) and one or two students (Co-investigators) together as a team must carry out the research work under the supervision of faculty member / Medical Officer, who is employed in their college as a guide.
- Only permanent full-time faculty members working in the colleges where the student is enrolled can act as the guide. Part time consultants/visiting faculty / residents / cannot act as guide.
- Each student should have one guide and the Proposals should be forwarded by Principal of the college.
- Only one project can be submitted by each student / Team.
- Faculty members can act as guide for only one project.
- Proposals submitted on the same topic by different students are liable to be rejected.

**Grant**

- Ten projects for postgraduate students will be awarded Rs. 30,000/- each
- Ten projects for undergraduate students will be awarded Rs. 20,000/- each

- 20 % of the research grant will be released only after the study / project are published in a peer reviewed Journal or published as a book or book chapter or filed as a patent.

### **Selection Procedure**

The selection of the candidates for award of research grant will be done after technical scrutiny of the research project proposal by a panel of experts.

The decision of the CCRS will be final.

The short-listed students will be intimated through mail or phone and if required will be called for presentation before the committee through online / offline / in person.

### **Type of Studies**

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 prepared in-house will be considered
- Validation of Siddha Diagnosis and Prognosis
- Product Development – medicine / nutraceutical / software applications
- Literary documentation – epigraphic / monumental
- Documentation of 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)
- Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning and Big Data based Solutions for Siddha system of Medicine
- Sensor based technology to validate Siddha Diagnostics and external therapies, etc.
- Innovative ideas for devices that leads to filing IPR

### **Submission of Proposal**

1. Research proposal (two hard copies and soft copy through email) should be submitted through the Principal not exceeding 7 pages in the proposed template with the following sections addressed to the Director General, Central Council for Research in Siddha (CCRS) to the mail ID: [crrssiddhaday@gmail.com](mailto:crrssiddhaday@gmail.com) on or before 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
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.
3. An undertaking should also be given by the Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator/s, Guide or 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
4. It is necessary to submit the approval certificate from Institutional Human Ethical Committee / Institutional Review Board for the study, if the study involves human subjects – Original or Scanned copy to be sent

5. It is necessary to submit the approval certificate from Institutional Animal Ethical Committee for the study, if the study involves animals - Original or Scanned copy to be sent

## **Proposal Template**

### **Title**

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

### **Introduction**

- Describe the importance (significance) of the study.
- Describe the reason that led you to select the particular study.
- 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**

- Outline the deliverables expected to be achieved or gained from the proposed research for the society.

### **Budget**

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

### **References**

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

### **Research conduct**

- It is important to adapt highest ethical standards in the 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 the study, the detailed report has to be submitted to the CCRS within 6 months of receiving the grant.
- Utilization Certificate with Expenditure statement, break up along with Vouchers to be provided after the completion of the study, counter signed by Co-I / Guide / HoD / Principals.
- 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 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 the peer reviewed journal preferably in Journal of Research in Siddha Medicine and not in any other 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.**
- **20% of the grant amount will be released only after publication of the Research article in peer reviewed Journal.**
- Once the paper/ abstract are 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.
- The students should acknowledge CCRS, Ministry of Ayush for the Mini Project Grant in all the Papers / Books to be published

### **Note:**

**Last date for submission of the research proposal:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

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

**Annexure I**

**Certificate to be signed by the Student (Principal Investigator / Co-Investigators),  
Guide and Principal**

We \_\_\_\_\_, S/o \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
S/o \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
S/o \_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare that the project entitled  
“.....”

.....” 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 of 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 Guide : \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Designation : \_\_\_\_\_

Department : \_\_\_\_\_

**Forwarded by Research Supervisor/Principal:**

**Annexure II**

**Undertaking to be signed by the Student (Principal Investigator / Co-Investigators),  
Guide and Principal**

We \_\_\_\_\_, S/o \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, S/o \_\_\_\_\_, hereby undertake that we will submit the project report 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 failed 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 Principal