



**OFFICE OF THE VICE PRINCIPAL (RESEARCH)
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FLUID RESEARCH GRANTS

The grants or facilities offered for the staff and students of CMCH are described below:

Two types of Fluid Research Grant (1. Seed Research Grant, 2. Major Research Grant) and Core Research Staff position are offered to support research in our institution. A detailed description of these facilities are given below:

I. SEED RESEARCH GRANT

- ❖ For each research proposal approved for Seed Research Grant the Research Committee sanctions a maximum amount of **Rs. 1,50,000/- per year** for expenses on investigation, computer use.
- ❖ Stationary, printing material and paper should not exceed Rs. 8000/- of the allocated fluid grant irrespective of the study duration.

The objective of providing the seed grant is to encourage researchers to do pilot or small studies which then will help to attract external funding agencies for getting larger grants for further research.

II. MAJOR RESEARCH GRANT

Rules for revised major fluid research grant

➤ **Revision of Major fluid research grant amount:**

1. The allocation for major fluid research grant is increased from Rs. 4,00,000 for 2 years to Rs. 8,00,000 for 2 years.
2. In a year, a maximum of 6 major fluid research grants will be allowed.

Note: If there is more than ONE application received:

- A 3-member **selection committee** formed by the VP research will approve funding for proposals on a **quarterly basis** based on the terms and conditions.



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- The study must be approved by IRB prior to selection committee review.

➤ **Changes in terms and conditions:**

(i) Criteria for an individual researcher:

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Confirmed medical faculty– Assistant Professor Grade I & II; Associate Professor Grade II.	- Confirmed Medical faculty– Assistant Professor Grade I & II; Associate Professor Grade I & II. - Confirmed Non-medical Post Docs– Up to Associate Professor Grade I equivalent. At least 50% of the awarded grants will be availed by confirmed medical faculty.
Only one major research grant may be used at a time by the given Principal Investigator.	An Individual can avail Major fluid grant only once in his/her tenure.
He/ She should have received at least one Fluid Research Grant or applied for grant from an external agency in the past at least as Co-Principal Investigator (co-PI)	He/ She should have at least one fluid research grant funding as a PI (or) external grant funding at least as a co-investigator.
- He/ She should have at least 3 research papers published in National / Inter-national Journals related to this field, preferably indexed. - Those who have been currently actively engaged in research work	At least 1 research paper published in National / Inter-national Journals related to this field, preferably indexed.



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and have done quality research in the past will be preferred.	
Up to 50% of the amount may be used for reimbursing the salary of a Research Fellow.	The researcher can avail up to 50% of the total budget towards employing research staff.
Publication charges cannot be budgeted.	10% of the total grant can be budgeted for Publication. <u>To avail the funding opportunity:</u> - The journal should have a minimum of 2.5 impact factor. - The publication acceptance timeline should be 2 years from the date of closure of the project. - Journals of repute that are indexed in Medline, PubMed Central, Sciences Citation Index Expanded, Embase, Scopus are accepted.
The grant can be given for a maximum period of two years, with an amount of Rs. 2,00,000/- per year.	The grant can be given for a maximum period of two years, with an amount of Rs. 4,00,000/- per year.

(ii) Criteria for a department:

- A department can apply for major fluid research grant once a year (both medical and non-medical faculty).
- If the IRB receives more than 1 proposal from the same department, then the **selection committee** will make the final decision.
- A letter of acknowledgement by the Head of Department on availing the major fluid research grant to be received and filed.



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(iii) Criteria for Principal Investigator (PI):

- The PI is expected to send an interim report at the end of one year for the release of the 2nd year installment and final report at the end of two years.
- The PI is expected to publish the study results in an indexed peer reviewed journal and specifically acknowledge '**CMC major fluid grant funding**' in the publication.
- Any deficit in the fund at the end of two years will need to be covered by the PI's research fund or Departmental funds.

With best wishes,

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