



## **NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH**

### **Project Development Grants Program (PDGP)**

#### **Internal Call for Research Proposals**

#### **Junior Category (Research Fellows 1 and below)**

#### **Introduction**

The Nigerian Institute of Medical Research, through its Scientific Committee, invites research grant applications for its Project Development Grants Program (PDGP).

#### **About PDGP**

PDGP is interested in innovative field/laboratory-based projects that demonstrate strong potential for high-quality research, which in turn can inform practical action on diseases of national priorities in Nigeria. Proposals should clearly describe research objectives and significance, with alignment between research questions and goals and research design/methods. Proposals should also demonstrate knowledge of the research subject and relevant literature, and address the feasibility of proposed research activities, including a timeline for project completion. Applicants should, in addition, discuss the likely relevance of the proposed research to current knowledge, practice and policy and situate it within existing literature.

Support is available for innovative research on the following issues:

- Epidemiology
- Pathogenesis
- Host-pathogen interactions
- Molecular diagnostics
- Development of therapeutics and vaccines
- Knowledge and application of control measures
- Social, cultural, economic and financial dimensions
- Community involvement in disease control and prevention

Grants will be awarded on a competitive, peer-reviewed basis, and are intended to support 12 months of field/laboratory-based research. Grants of a maximum of **two million, five hundred thousand Naira (₦2,500,000)** each will be awarded.

Successful applicants will be required to submit quarterly updates and summary reports to **NIMR Grants Management office** and to the **Scientific Committee** and present their research findings at the Institute's annual scientific conference.

#### **Eligibility**

This call is open to Research Fellows 1 and below.

**Application process**

- Interested applicants should submit their applications online to **nimrgrantsunit@gmail.com** and **research-call@nimr.gov.ng**
- Type set application not more than six A4 pages (12 points font size using Times New Roman format)
- Subject line of the email should be in this format – **SURNAME, first name, grant type.**

Proposals should be structured as follow:

- Background
- Rationale and Objectives
- Methodology
- Expected outcome
- References (Vancouver reference style and not more than 20)
- Timeline
- Project plan
- Monitoring and Evaluation Plan
- Budget and justification
- Two-page Curriculum Vitae of the Principal Investigator should be enclosed, (Excluding the page limit) NIH Bio sketch template.

**Note**

- We strongly encourage the inclusion of a realistic budget outline, keeping within the allotted amount for the grant, and fitting appropriately within a 12-month project and the required page limit.
- Principal investigators with existing/active NIMR grants, are not eligible to be principal investigators, but can be part of other research proposals.
- Principal Investigators that have completed their research projects in the last two years but have not done a proper closeout for these projects are not eligible. (Proper closeouts entails submitting the final technical and financial reports)
- References, Monitoring and Evaluation, budget and CV components are not within the page limit.
- After the deadline for submission, proposals will be checked for completeness before being sent for technical review by internal reviewers.

**Deadline**

Deadline for submission of applications is **May 31, 2023.**