



**NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH**  
**EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH PROGRAM**  
**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS**

**NIMR Viral Haemorrhagic Fever Project**

The Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) Viral Haemorrhagic Fever (VHF) Project, is an extramural research program designed to forge collaboration with Universities and allied Research Institutes. It seeks to understand the ecology of viruses associated with viral haemorrhagic fever and their hosts in order to develop effective public health strategy for their control in Nigeria. The main goal of this project is to characterize major viruses associated with VHFs, provide information on main reservoirs of infection in VHF-prone areas and train a crop of young scientists in support of the National Control Program.

**NIMR VHF Scholars**

Each prospective NIMR VHF scholar must submit a grant application which will be assessed and the best scoring application will be awarded the extramural grant.

**Eligibility Requirements-- Each candidate must:**

- Have registered for MSc or PhD at any Nigerian University.
- Be interested in working on VHF for the postgraduate program;
- Submit a summary of the approved research proposal plus budget (Maximum – six pages)
- Provide a letter of support from the University Supervisor

Grants will be awarded on a competitive, peer-reviewed basis, and will be based on the feasibility of timely completion of the program. Grants of **N500, 000 – N1,000, 000** each will be awarded to successful applicants. The grant will support fieldwork while samples will be processed in the ISO 15189 accredited laboratory at the Center for Human Virology and Genomics, NIMR.

Successful applicants will be required to submit quarterly updates and summary reports to **NIMR Grants Management office** and to the **VHF Research Team**, and present their research findings at the Institute's annual scientific conference. They are also required to publish in high quality peer-review journals.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Interested applicants should submit their applications online to [nimrgrantsunit@gmail.com](mailto:nimrgrantsunit@gmail.com).
- Type set application not more than six A4 pages (12 points font size using Times New Roman format)

Proposals should be structured as follow:

- Background
- Rationale and Objectives
- Methodology
- Expected outcome
- References (Vancouver style and not more than 20)
- Timeline
- Budget and justification

- Two-page Curriculum Vitae of the Principal Investigator should be enclosed, (excluding the page limit and using 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.
- Required documents and application letter must be submitted as a compressed ZIP folder
- Subject line of the mail should be in this format – **SURNAME, first name, degree type**

**Important dates:**

**Deadline for receiving application: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Shortlisted applicant will be contacted by October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Notification of award: November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Commencement of Scholarship: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

*Disbursement of funds is subject to FGN budgetary release.*

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