



NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH

EXTRAMURAL HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (<https://nimr.gov.ng>) is the nation's foremost Institute of medical research, established with Act No. 5 of 1977, which was later repealed and replaced by the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act of 1992. With the headquarters located in Lagos, its outstations are in Maiduguri, Asaba and Kainji. The Institute's mission is to conduct research into diseases of public health importance in Nigeria and develop structures for the dissemination of research findings while providing the enabling environment and facilities for health research and training in cooperation with the Federal and State Ministries of Health and in collaboration with universities, allied institutions and organized private sector nationally and internationally. Also, its vision is to be an institution of excellence in basic, applied and operational research for the promotion of National Health and Development in Nigeria.

The Institute, in accordance with its mission and vision, is therefore pleased to announce the opening of its call for applications for extramural health research grants. The call seeks to investigate, preferably but not limited to, Demographic and Health Surveillance (DHS)-related conditions at its DHS site in Ijede, Ikorodu Local Government Area of Lagos State with the aim of generating data on the magnitude and drivers of these conditions and proffer effective public health strategies for their control.

Funding is available for research on the following:

- Anaemia and iron supplementation (especially women and children)
- Child health (newborn care, infant and young child feeding, nutritional status, food security, immunization, mortality rates and common childhood diseases i.e. diarrhoea, respiratory tract infections and malaria.
- Women's health (fertility and contraception, pregnancy, delivery and post-natal care, maternal mortality)
- Adolescent health (sexual and reproductive health, mental health, substance use and abuse)
- Mental health
- Non-communicable diseases (hypertension, diabetes mellitus, sickle cell disease)
- Neglected tropical diseases
- Domestic and gender-based violence
- Malaria/ HIV/Tuberculosis
- Community perspectives on research including clinical trials

Eligibility requirements-- candidate must:

- Submit an application letter.
- Provide evidence of registration for **any** of the following programs: MSc, PhD, and Part 2 Medical Fellowship at any Nigerian university or teaching hospital.

- Submit a university-approved research proposal including budget and justification (maximum of 6 pages).
- Provide a letter of support from the university or postgraduate medical college supervisor.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive peer-reviewed basis, also taking into consideration the feasibility and plan for the timely completion of the proposed study. Grants of **₦1,500,000 (MSc)** and **₦2,500,000 (PhD or Part 2 Fellowship)** will be awarded to successful applicants. The grants will support fieldwork including transportation and accommodation. The data collection (**must be within a 12-month period**) while all associated laboratory analyses are to be conducted at the Nigerian Institute of Medical Research, Yaba, Lagos.

Application process

The required documents and an application letter must be submitted online as a compressed ZIP folder to **nimrgrantsunit@gmail.com** and **research-call@nimr.gov.ng**. The email subject line should be in this format – SURNAME, first name, degree type.

Successful applicants are expected to submit electronic copies of quarterly and final reports to **nimrgrantsunit@gmail.com** and **research-call@nimr.gov.ng**. They are also required to present their research findings at NIMR annual scientific conference and publish their work in high-quality peer-reviewed journals.

Important dates:

- The deadline for receiving applications is April 1, 2024.
- Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by April 30, 2024.
- Notification of awards: May 17, 2024.

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