

Graduate Research Grant (GRG) Guidelines

1. Introduction

The Graduate Research Grant (GRG), initiated by the GTA Foundation, Nepal, in collaboration with the Henry Ford Health Global Health Initiative, USA, provides financial support to master's-level health science students and institutional researchers from universities in Nepal to conduct research in critical health areas.

2. About GTA Foundation

GTA Foundation is a sister organization of Group for Technical Assistance (GTA). Functioning within the same framework both GTA Nepal and GTA Foundation leverage community-centered innovation, evidence-based advocacy, and strategic collaboration to address critical public health challenges. Our comprehensive portfolio includes: Immunization (Advocacy and Campaigns), Antimicrobial Stewardship, Surveillance and One Health Approach, Disaster Management and Pandemic Response, Disease Prevention and Control, Professional Training and Capacity Building, Digital Health/AI, Mental Health Initiatives, and Research and Data Analytics Unit.

3. Objective of Graduate Research Grant (GRG)

By supporting evidence-based research and meaningful interventions, the GRG aims to address critical public health challenges in the areas of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)/Immunization, Mental Health, Oncology, and Health Supply Chain. Through this initiative, the GRG seeks to generate actionable insights and sustainable solutions that can strengthen health systems and improve population well-being.

4. Proposal Call

Master's level health science students from Nepalese institutions are invited to submit Research Concept Notes focusing on specified thematic areas. Proposals should include a clear research problem, objectives, literature review, hypotheses, study design, methods, study site description, population, samples, data collection tools, validity and reliability, proposed statistical analysis, ethical considerations, timeline, and detailed budget.

5. Thematic Areas

- AMR/ Immunization
- Mental Health
- Oncology
- Health Supply Chain

6. Submission Guidelines

1. **Study Title:** No more than 20 words.
2. **Personal Information:** Name, gender, institutional affiliation, address, telephone, and email.
3. **Supervisor Information:** Name, gender, institutional affiliation, designation, address, telephone, and email.
4. **Proposal Content:** Research problem (200 words), objectives (100 words), literature review (300 words), hypotheses/research questions (25 words each), study design and methods (200 words), study site description (50 words), population, samples, and sampling techniques (100 words), proposed data collection tools and techniques, validity and reliability, proposed statistical analysis methods (100 words), ethical considerations, timeline, detailed budget, references, annex including student CV and supervisor letter.
5. **Grant Budget:** NPR 60,000 per grant.

7. Final Selection

All submitted proposals must meet the specified application criteria to be eligible for the review process. Each eligible proposal will be assigned a unique code to ensure anonymity, and the applicants' identities will remain confidential throughout. Our expert reviewers will rigorously evaluate the proposals without knowledge of the applicants' real identities, which are masked by the assigned code numbers. Based on these evaluations, 8 to 10 proposals will be shortlisted and invited for in-person presentations at the GTA Office. The final selection of five grant recipients will be based on a combined score from both the initial review and the live presentations. The entire process is meticulously coordinated by the **Grant Secretariat** to uphold the principles of fairness, confidentiality, and transparency.

8. Award

Candidates selected based on their research paper and presentation scores will be awarded a research grant of NPR 60,000. Awardees will be notified by email by the Grant Secretariat and are required to be present at GTA Office to sign a grant agreement detailing the terms and conditions, including reporting obligations and payment schedules.

9. Terms and Conditions

1. The GTA Foundation and Henry Ford Health must be acknowledged in all final reports and related publications.
2. Grant funds must be used strictly in accordance with the approved proposal.
3. Awardees are required to submit periodic progress reports as well as a comprehensive final report.
4. All research activities must comply with applicable ethical and legal standards.

10. Monitoring

The GTA Foundation will conduct regular monitoring of the funded research projects to ensure they are on track, adhering to proposed timelines, and meeting established goals. This involves periodic evaluations, progress reports, and the project's development and provides necessary support.

11. Progress Submission

Awardees must submit a mid-term progress report detailing research activities, preliminary findings, and challenges faced.

12. Final Report

Upon completion of the research, awardees must submit a comprehensive final report, including detailed findings, analysis, and conclusions; supported by relevant data and documentation (officially signed letter by the supervisor). The final report should be approved by Department/College/ the University.

Additional Requirement

After receiving the grant, grantees are required to present their proposal as called by the GTA Foundation notice from the **“Grant Secretariat”**

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