

## **E-RCTC Research Grant**

To promote tobacco-control research, the National level E-Resource Centre for Tobacco Control invites short research project concept proposals from researchers all across the country. A maximum of five concept proposals will be shortlisted purely based on merit. The shortlisted submissions will be presented during the 65<sup>th</sup> IPHACON, 2021. One of the shortlisted concept proposals will be awarded a one-time grant of 30,000 INR.

### **Eligibility**

- Independent researchers/research organizations / medical colleges / or NGO's
- Must be less than 50 years of age

### **Proposal**

1. The concept proposal must be submitted to The Director, E-Resource Centre for Tobacco Control via email at [rctcupdates@gmail.com](mailto:rctcupdates@gmail.com) with cc to [sphpc.tobacco@gmail.com](mailto:sphpc.tobacco@gmail.com) .
2. The format for writing a concept proposal is as follows: Title, the rationale for the study objectives, methodology, timeline, budget details, and references.
3. Under no circumstances, thesis/ dissertation works for MD/Ph.D. (presented as a "project") will be given under this grant. An undertaking to this effect must accompany the application of each project.
4. Incomplete proposals will be rejected.
5. Last date of submission: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### **Evaluation of projects**

The Principal Investigator (or his/her co-investigator) will present the project proposal in a plenary session during the 65<sup>th</sup> IPHACON, 2021 being organized by JIPMER, Puducherry. The projects will be judged by a jury of 3-4 eminent experts. The total duration of the presentation (in case shortlisted) to be made will be about eight minutes.

The project proposals will be evaluated using the following five criteria, and each criterion carries ten marks (maximum marks 50):

1. Public Health importance, relevance, and rationale of the project proposal
2. Methodology (study design, sample size, quality control measures, statistical analysis)

3. Novelty
4. Sustainability & scalability
5. Translatory value/ policy implications

### **Grant of Research Fund**

No purchase of equipment etc. (asset building) is permitted and grant will be given for recurring expenditure. The cheque will be sent in the **name of the Principal Investigator** after administrative formalities have been completed between the candidate and the HQ, E-RCTC.

### **Submission of the report and account:**

One hard copy and a softcopy of the final project report are submitted to The Director, E-RCTC. An audited SOE along with duly signed original bills/vouchers also need to be shared. All publications/presentations emanating from the work done through the project must carry acknowledgment of the **"E-RCTC Research Grant,"** and a copy of all such publications/ presentations must be sent to the HQ, E-RCTC.

### **If you need more details, please contact:**

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