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## **Call for Research Proposals for Tata Trusts Cancer Research Grants 2024**

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### **Introduction:**

Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) a grant-in-aid Institution of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India is pleased to announce a call for research proposals. We invite researchers, scholars, and professionals employed at TMC to submit innovative and impactful research proposals that align with our mission and goals. Our aim is to support ground-breaking research that addresses key challenges and opportunities in oncology.

### **Award name: Tata Trusts Cancer Research Grants**

### **Background Information:**

Funding from Tata Trusts will support up to 5 important cancer research studies per year related to clinical, implementation, translational or public health domains with funding up to 5 years.

### **Research Areas:**

We are particularly interested in proposals that focus on the following areas:

1. Novel treatment strategies
2. Improved treatment delivery mechanisms
3. Affordable diagnosis, treatment or technology.
4. Population-based interventions
5. Translational cancer research.

### **Eligibility:**

This call is open to researchers, scholars and professionals who meet the following criteria:

1. Principal Investigator should be full-time employee of Tata Memorial Centre.
2. The study should be already approved by the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC), or be approved within 4 months from date of selection for funding and/or other regulatory approvals as required within the same timelines.

### **Funding and Duration:**

Selected proposals will receive funding of up to INR up to 50 lakhs per year for a duration of up to 5 years. The funding can be used for study purposes, as outlined in the budget sheet approved by the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC).

### **Proposal Requirements:**

Proposals should include the following sections as applicable:

1. Cover letter signed by Principal Investigator.
2. Principal Investigator Name, Designation and Contact Details:

- 2.1 Full Name:
- 2.2 Date of Birth:
- 2.3 Designation and affiliation:
- 2.4 E-mail:
- 2.5 Secondary e-mail:
- 2.6 Cell number:
- 2.7 Landline number with STD code:
- 2.8 Full institutional name and address:
3. Names, designations and email addresses of Co-Investigators:
4. Study Title:
5. Hypothesis:
6. Justification for the study with review of literature (not more than 500 words):
7. Research Design:
8. Primary Objective(s):
9. Secondary Objective(s):
10. Primary Endpoint:
11. Secondary Endpoint(s):
12. Eligibility Criteria for Study Population:
  - A. Inclusion criteria:
  - B. Exclusion criteria:
13. Sample Size with Justification:
14. Statistical Analytical Plan:
15. Materials & Methods including Ethics Committee Approval Status:
16. References (not more than 20):
17. Budget with Justification (IEC format):
18. Timelines: Please provide total study duration and milestones that would be achieved in each quarter.
19. Three best publications of the PI:

**Note:** The study protocol, budget sheet, IEC approval letter if available and funding support received from other sources should be attached along with the proposal.

**Submission Guidelines:**

1. Proposals should be submitted in a single PDF file including all the documents.
2. All submissions must be sent by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 via email to [tmctrac@gmail.com](mailto:tmctrac@gmail.com) and [ykembhavi@actrec.gov.in](mailto:ykembhavi@actrec.gov.in) (both).
3. Use the following subject line for email submissions: "Tata Trusts Cancer Research Grants 2024: [Your Proposal Title]"

**Evaluation Criteria:**

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Innovation and originality.
2. Methodology and study plan.
3. Potential impact.
4. Other criteria as decided by the selection committee.

**Shortlisting Proposals:**

A selection committee will review and shortlist the proposals based on the above criteria.

**Presentation and Scoring:**

Principal investigators of the shortlisted proposals will be called for presentation to the committee. The committee will score the proposals and recommend those for funding to Director, TMC.

**Final Selection:**

The Director, TMC, will review the committee's recommendations and notify the selected proposals and funding allocated.

**Timeline:**

- Call for Proposals Released : 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024
- Submission Deadline : 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024
- Review Period : 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Notification of Award : 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Project Start Date : 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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We look forward to receiving your innovative proposals and supporting impactful research in oncology.

Best wishes,

**Dr. Sudeep Gupta,**  
**Director,**  
**Tata Memorial Centre**

**Amendment No. 1:**

This is an amendment to the initial call for research proposals supported by Tata Trusts, Version 1, dated 30-Sep-2024. Please note that the name of the grant has been changed from "**Ratan Tata Research Grant**" to "**Tata Trusts Cancer Research Grants.**"