

Guidelines For Scholarship Programme



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A. Background

MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child is a not for profit organisation working on the issues of RMNCH+A, TB, HIV, and SRH and Non-communicable diseases. Its pioneering work has been around the thematic areas of Adolescent health and development, while working through building evidence base on implementation strategies and System strengthening. Its geographical focus spreads across the country and in countries of South and South-East Asia.

With experience in Adolescent health and development at National and International level, MAMTA has moved to establishing a “Centre for Adolescent Health & Development” with focus on building quality evidence for policies and programmes in country and in other low resource settings.

MAMTA has been awarding Scholarships under Adolescent Scholarship Programme since 2015 with the aim to foster research in the domains of health, health services, socio-behavioral domains and policy and programmes that influence adolescent health and well-being. The primary objective is to generate evidence that can inform effective implementation of policies and programmes, practices, health services enhancing adolescent health and overall well-being in India. This scholarship opportunity in India serves as a noteworthy platform for medical postgraduates, PhD students, and early career researchers and faculties. It empowers them to actively engage in clinical and adolescent health research.

The objectives of these scholarships are:

- Strengthen and develop research on adolescent health and development in teaching institutions.
- Support research of young professionals and early career researchers and faculties, working in Adolescent Health
- Increase collaboration with National and International research partners
- Produce high quality research outputs demonstrating impact for enhanced Adolescent Health and well-being.

Integral of these scholarship awards, MAMTA is committed to provide mentoring support to scholarship holders. This includes continuous mentoring by domain experts at various stages of the research process in research design, data analysis, quality assurance, results interpretation and scientific writing.

B. Study Areas

The proposals must be around the areas which directly or indirectly help in improving service and care in adolescent health, strengthening implementation of the National Adolescent Health Programme with focus on six domains -Nutrition, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Mental Health, Injuries and Violence, Prevent Substance abuse, Non-Communicable Disease. Additionally, clinical services in adolescent health and impact of climate change on adolescent health are encouraged.

C. Eligibility Requirements

- Must be enrolled as a full time MD/PhD degree program in recognised institute
- Early career researchers (with in four years after post -graduation/ PhD) in a relevant discipline of medical science related to adolescent health
- Mentor or Faculty from a recognized University/Institution in India

Those who fulfil the criteria and have an interest in research in an adolescent health.

D. Structure of Scholarship

Grant Sizes:

MAMTA will award **Scholarship amount** up to **INR 1 lakh** for all research activities.

Financial support will include the following:

- Primary data collection
- Contingencies (stationary/photocopies/ printouts/courier and subscription charges)
- Travel and cost related to data collection and analysis (including how to write scientific article etc)
- Documentation (e.g. dissertation/report writing)
- Any other expenditure needed to improve quality of Adolescent Health research.

*Financial support will **NOT** cover:*

- Capital articles - equipment, vehicle, furniture.
- Any foreign travel, or any personal travels, paper presentation, workshop participation.

Additional up to **INR 50,000/-** is for **publication** in peer-reviewed national/international journal with above 2 impact factor.

Note: Scholars who have received scholarship prior are not eligible for new scholarship

E. Scholarship duration

Maximum tenure of the Scholarship is **ONE** year for each proposed study topic.

F. Type of Research That Can Be Proposed:

- Primary Research
- Secondary Research (Systematic Review, Secondary data analysis)

G. Submitting Proposal and Application

Interested applicants are to submit following documents as application dossier for this scholarship:

- **Study proposal/protocol** on the prescribed format only (*Annexure 1*) to be submitted. This study proposal must include proposed topic/title of the study, study design, research question and objectives, conceptual framework, geographic coverage, methodology proposed, analysis plan, ethical requirement, implications of the study for public health programmes and policies, detailed timeline (*Annexure-2*) and budget (*Annexure-3*).
- **Certificate of Institutional Ethical Clearance**
- **Proof of enrolment in MD/PhD degree**
- **Age proof (Birth certificate etc)**
- **Support letter from Head of the Institution/Department** for efficient use of Scholarship
- **CV of the applicant and his/her guide/co-guide** along with publications in the relevant area of study must be enclosed (max 3- 4 pages)
- **A short note** (maximum 500 words) on the relevance of this scholarship for applicant's career advancement in adolescent health and development and well-being.

Please note that an applicant can submit only **one application/proposal** in the prescribed format. Duplicate applications/proposals will not be entertained.

H. Selection criteria for the Scholarship:

Selection will be made based on the academic record of the candidate and the quality of the proposal submitted. Applications will be screened by a screening committee based on the eligibility and quality parameters. Applications found to meet the eligibility requirements will then be sent to a panel of domain experts. The evaluation and selection for the Scholarship award will be guided by the following parameters that will be assigned with a definite score:

- 1) Relevance of the topic (score 10)
- 2) Clarity of the research question and objectives (score 10)
- 3) Study design/Methodology for data collection (score 15)
- 4) Background of the Candidate and Guide/Principal investigator (PI) (score 5)
- 5) Ethics statement (score 5)
- 6) Budget (score 5)

Short listed proposal based on merit will be invited for further discussion.

I. Intimation to candidate and institution to which he/she is attached.

Once the proposal is selected, the concerned applicant/candidate, principal investigator and institution/university shall be intimated.

J. Quarterly Monitoring Progress

The Scholarship holders are required to submit a progress report quarterly. Strict adherence on this is highly recommended for the next releases.

K. Publication

Scholarship holder is strongly encouraged to publish research papers stemming from the research conducted with joint authorship or with due acknowledgement to MAMTA. MAMTA will have the right to access data and also publish reports/papers or make presentations with the scholarship holder and the Principal Investigator as co-authors.

L. Submission of application

Application in the prescribed format (Annexure 1-4) along with all the documents (as listed in section G above) to be submitted through E-mail by at mamtascholarship@mamtahimc.in.

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APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Please furnish detailed information so as to enable the Expert Committee to assess the project.

SECTION 1: DETAILS OF APPLICANT

1. Name of Applicant: Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms	
2. Correspondence Address:	District: State: PIN:
3. Contact Details	
a) Mobile Number:	
b) Email ID:	
4. Date of Birth	
5. Educational Details	
6. Degree Applicable (MD/PhD/Faculty)	
7. Name of the Institute/University where registered and State	Name of Institute: State:
8. Date, Month and Year of Registration	
9. Supervisor/ Guide	
a. Name:	
b. Designation:	
c. Name of Institute:	
d. Mobile No.	
e. E-mail ID:	
f. Total Number of Paper Published:	
g. Total Number of Paper Published in Adolescent Health Related:	
10. If selected, will you be interested in attending one week on Research Methodology? (Yes/No)	
11. If selected, will your supervisor be interested in attending one week on Research Methodology on Adolescent Health? (Yes/No)	

Please attach detailed Curriculum Vitae of the Applicant and Supervisors (with area specific publication)

SECTION 2: DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED STUDY PROJECT

1. Title of Proposed Project:
2. Introduction: <p>The introduction section must be structured. It should open with introduction of the study theme and highlight the important issue with statistical and other relevant data available from standard references. It should also mention the evidences of interventions available in existing literature and potential gaps. In addition, introduction should also contain information about the existing National Programs, guidelines and policies addressing the issues as well as the challenges within the system to address the issue.</p> <p>Based on this, researcher should frame appropriate research questions to address the issues around adolescent health. Researcher should also state how the study will fill the gaps in data by adding new information. In addition, it should also mention benefits of the outcome for benefit of the public health system.</p>
3. Aim(s) and objectives: <p>Must be framed according to the research question.</p>
4. Detailed study plan. (PI include details of study design, sample size, study site, methodology and analysis)
4a. Study Site (Location, its current situation with subject matter, urban/ rural) and population <p>The details of study location should highlight the relevance with research question and study objective.</p>
4b. Study Design: <p>A) Descriptive or Analytical B) Observational study: Case study/ Cross sectional / Cohort study /Case-control C) Experimental D) Qualitative research/ Quantitative research</p>
4c. Sample size (Sample size estimate & sample method): <p>This section should describe in detail about the strategy/approach for achieving the objective. This should also include appropriate sampling strategy and sample size estimation based on the type of the study adopted.</p>
4d. Data Collection plan and data management <p>This section should describe in detail about the plan for data collection such as who will collect the data and type of data to be collected (Qualitative/Quantitative), variables that will be collected, platform to be used for data collection such as manual or application, etc. It should also list out in detail about methods to maintain data privacy and assurance of data quality.</p> <p>There must be detailed plan for data analysis including the mention of the statistical expert, techniques, tests, software's with versions, etc. that will be used for analysis.</p>

Expected outcomes/utility of the study and its future significance
4e. Timeline of proposed study
5. Ethical issues in study The proposed study must adhere to ICMR ethical guidelines.
6. Attach proposed study tools / Questionnaire

Annexure-3

SECTION 3: DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET

S.no.	Items	Amount requested in INR	Remarks/Justification if any
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
Total			

• **Budget Justification** – you must provide a detailed budget outlining how the study Support Grant will be utilized.

Annexure-4

Check List

S. No.	Particular	Soft Copy mailed (Yes/ No)	If No, Reason & Submission date
1	Application Form		
2	Proposal		
3	Presentation		
4	IEC Certificate		
5	Age Proof (Secondary Certificate / PAN)		
6	Support letter from HOD		
7	Applicant CV		
8	Supervisor CV		
9	Short note on relevance		
10	Last academic certificate (Degree/ mark sheet) <i>only for early career researcher</i>		