

All new entrant ICMR scientists will be eligible for one-time special research support grant of Rs.30 lakh for conducting a research project on a priority topic under the mentorship of a senior ICMR scientist (at least level of Scientist E) and another non-ICMR scientist after thorough review and approval of the institutional SAC. This one-time ignition grant is for the newly recruited scientists to establish themselves and conduct research that will help them to get grants in the future.

Any scientist can apply for ignition grant only once in her/his tenure in ICMR after joining a permanent position.

Purpose:

- To improve capacity to write project proposals, sharpen professional skill, and betterment of attitude towards negotiating the operational challenges in project implementation.
- To enhance the ability of scientists to compete for bigger grants within and outside ICMR.
- Eventually the institute will be benefitted by having a scientist with an advanced skill set.

Eligibility criteria:

- a) Scientist who is posted in ICMR institutes and centres and not at ICMR-HQ, Bioethics Unit or DHR.
- b) Any Scientist (B, C, D or E) who joined ICMR through direct recruitment during a stipulated time frame as decided by competent authority. e.g for 2022-24 joining period should be between 01-April-2022 and 31- March-2025.
- c) Scientist who moved to ICMR institute/centre after her/his tenure at DHR or ICMR HQ within the given period.
- d) The Ignition Grant project is a PI-initiated grant and can be transferred along with the Principal Investigator if they are transferred from one ICMR institute to another ICMR Institutes.

Funding: For Ignition grant projects the budgetary ceiling will be INR 30 Lacs/project.

Duration of project: The duration of project will be up to a maximum period of 3 years.

The projects will be reviewed by Institutional Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and can be submitted only if SAC approves the project.

Proposal Review Process It will be a single step review. SAC may use the following criteria for reviewing the projects.

- a) Rationale of the project – is it likely to solve a priority problem?
- b) Possible impact – is it likely to have an impact on health outcomes?
- c) Novelty/innovation – is the study developing or testing a new idea?
- d) Methodology – are study methods appropriate to achieve the objectives?
- e) Implementation strategy – is the study feasible in a timely manner?

The portal for uploading the ignition-grant projects will remain open from 15-May-2025 till 30-June-2025, 1700hrs. ([Apply Now](#))