



Call for Applications
ICMR HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
(Jan 2026 - Mar2026)

1. About the ICMR Health Communications Internship Program

The **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)**, headquartered in New Delhi, is India's apex body for the formulation, coordination, and promotion of biomedical research. As one of the world's oldest medical research institutions, ICMR aligns its research priorities with national health objectives to reduce disease burden and enhance public well-being. To learn more, visit us at <https://www.icmr.gov.in>

The **ICMR Health Communications Internship** offers a unique opportunity for young professionals passionate about public health communication. Open to students currently enrolled in or recently graduated from undergraduate or graduate programs across disciplines, the internship provides hands-on experience in health communication strategy, content development, and public engagement. Selected interns will be placed at ICMR Headquarters or one of its 28 institutes across India for a three-month period, gaining exposure to cutting-edge research and science communication in public health.

2. Application Process

To be considered for the ICMR Health Communications Internship Program (IHCIP) 2025, interested candidates are required to fill out the application form linked below and submit the documents specified in the form. **The last date to fill out the application is 30 November 2025, 11:59 PM.**

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/kYVltLUr4C9US4Nt8>

3. Eligibility

- ☐ Applicants must be Indian citizens currently in the final year of their undergraduate studies or enrolled in a postgraduate program in any academic discipline.
- ☐ Candidates who have completed their undergraduate or postgraduate degrees within the last two years from the internship's start date are also eligible.
- ☐ Undergraduate degree holders must have a minimum aggregate of 55% or a CGPA of 5.7+, while postgraduate degree holders must have a minimum aggregate of 50% or a CGPA of 5.2+.
- ☐ Candidates currently pursuing their undergraduate or postgraduate studies must maintain a minimum aggregate percentage of 55% and 50% across all semesters, or an SGPA of 5.7 and 5.2, respectively.
- ☐ Applicants must be 28 years or younger as of October 30, 2025.
- ☐ Strong verbal and written communication skills in English and at least one regional language

(including Hindi) are required.

- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Canva, Adobe Photoshop, or other design tools is preferred.

4. Duration of Internship: 3 months (December 2025 – March 2026)

5. IHCIP 2026 Intake

For the 2026 cohort, the program will have a maximum intake of 30 interns. Selected candidates will be placed at ICMR institutes across India ([view list of ICMR Institutes](#)). While applicants can indicate their location preferences, final placements will be determined by the Internship Secretariat, and preferences are not guaranteed.

6. Roles and Responsibilities

The internship is a full-time opportunity designed to be an enriching experience in public health communications. Mentioned below are details of the activities and tasks that an intern will be expected to execute as part of the program.

- a) Closely work with the Nodal Communications Officers of their assigned ICMR institute in designing communications campaigns for bettering the health of the country within the ambit of the Institute's health research.
- b) Based on the research work done by the institute, support the following:
 - i. Supporting community engagement research and programs as required by the institute.
 - ii. Developing IEC materials, social media graphics and media collaterals, including first drafts of press releases and opinion-editorials for information dissemination.
 - iii. Supporting the institute in conducting webinars/lectures/workshops.
 - iv. Develop and present a capstone project on health communications to ICMR.
- c) At the end of the program, submit a detailed report on the work carried out to ICMR.

Please note that all outputs generated during the internship will be the intellectual property of ICMR and cannot be used by the intern without the prior approval of the organization.

7. Termination of Internship: ICMR may terminate the engagement of an intern due to non-compliance with program guidelines or other reasons as it deems fit, without giving any reason to the intern. The decision of ICMR is final in this regard. In case of exceptional circumstances, an intern may choose to terminate their internship after giving prior notice of 10 days to ICMR.

8. Remuneration: Rs. 10,000/- per month

9. Certificate of Internship: A certificate of internship will be issued by ICMR on the completion of internship and submission of report duly countersigned and accepted by the Competent Authority.