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Call for Expression of Interest (EoI) under ICMR Intramural — Centre for Collaborative Research (CCR) Scheme: 2026

Overview and Purpose

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), India’s apex body for biomedical research, is committed to fostering a collaborative and sustainable health research ecosystem in the country. Against this backdrop, ICMR seeks to identify institutions that can synergistically enhance the research capacity of its intramural institutions in specific areas, leading to translational outcomes for improved public health outcomes. Towards this, ICMR invites Expressions of Interest (EoIs) from extramural (non-ICMR) institutions to collaborate with ICMR institutes on key areas of research and designated as the ICMR Centre for Collaborative Research (CCR).

Who can be a CCR

Indian research institutes or organisations (including public, private, NGO, academia, medical colleges, universities, veterinary colleges, engineering colleges, and recognized research and development laboratories, etc.) are eligible to submit an EoI. Institutions must demonstrate established expertise and experience in the proposed collaboration relevant to the identified ICMR institute(s). The EoI must clearly articulate the intended research activities, the expected outcomes of the proposed collaboration and potential contribution to the national health research priorities.

If selected, the CCR* will work in close collaboration with the identified ICMR institute(s) in areas of complementary expertise and leading to mutual strengthening.

**A CCR can be either a single eligible institution/agency or a consortium of researchers from multiple eligible institutions (In case of a consortium, one institution shall be designated as the Lead Institution). One institution or group can be a CCR for a maximum of three ICMR institutes. The team of investigators must be led and coordinated by the Dean/Director/Head of the respective Institution/Division.*

Name of the ICMR institute for collaborative research and the disease/health conditions of interest

Sr. No.	Name of the ICMR institute for collaborative research	Disease/health conditions of interest	Link to access more details on the expected strengths of the CCR and the anticipated outcomes of the collaboration
1	ICMR-NARFBR, Hyderabad	End-stage organ failure and ischemic diseases	Click here for more details
2	ICMR-NCDIR, Bengaluru	Cause-of-death information from medical records	Click here for more details
3	ICMR-NICHDR, New Delhi	Newborn disorders	Click here for more details
4	ICMR-NICPR, Noida	Cancer and chronic inflammatory diseases	Click here for more details
5	ICMR-NIE, Chennai	Infectious diseases	Click here for more details
6	ICMR-NIIH, Mumbai	Sickle cell disease	Click here for more details
7	ICMR-NIIRNCD, Jodhpur	Public health services delivery	Click here for more details
8	ICMR-NIMR, New Delhi	Malaria and other vector-borne diseases	Click here for more details
9	ICMR-NIN, Hyderabad	Malnutrition	Click here for more details
10	ICMR-NIOH-Ahmedabad	Silicosis	Click here for more details

11	ICMR-NIRBI, Kolkata	Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)	Click here for more details
12	ICMR-NIRDHDS, New Delhi	Diabetes and hypertension	Click here for more details
13	ICMR-NIRRH, Mumbai	Pregnancy-related diseases/disorders (infertility, infectious diseases, and reproductive oncology)	Click here for more details
14	ICMR-NIRT, Chennai	Tuberculosis	Click here for more details
15	ICMR-NIRTH, Jabalpur	Pre-eclampsia and fetal growth restriction (Maternal and Perinatal Disorders)	Click here for more details
16	ICMR-NITM, Belagavi	Immunological and Chronic Diseases/Conditions	Click here for more details
17	ICMR-NITVAR, Pune	Viral infections and translational virology	Click here for more details
18	ICMR-NIV, Pune	Viral infections and translational virology	Click here for more details
19	ICMR-RMRC, Bhubaneswar	Non-Tuberculosis mycobacterium	Click here for more details
20	ICMR-RMRCNE, Dibrugarh	Malaria and Respiratory Infections	Click here for more details
21	ICMR-RMRC, Gorakhpur	Acute Febrile Illness / Fever of Unknown Origin (FUO)	Click here for more details
22	ICMR-RMRC, Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair)	Leptospirosis	Click here for more details
23	ICMR-RMRIMS, Patna	Leishmaniasis (with special focus on post-kala-azar dermal leishmaniasis (PKDL))	Click here for more details
24	ICMR-VCRC, Puducherry	Scrub typhus and related rickettsial infections	Click here for more details

Duration: Up to 5 (five) Crore for a period of 5years.

EoI Review Process

Review of EoIs would be conducted by the ICMR Headquarters (Intramural).

Submission of Applications

Interested institutions can apply through the ICMR Electronic Project Management System (ePMS).

Important Notes for Proposal Submission

1. Submission portal will open from 25 March 2026.
2. Visit <https://epms.icmr.org.in>. The user manual (under Guidelines → ePMS manual) is available on the portal.
3. The EoI submission process has three steps:
 - Step 1: PI registration/login <https://epms.icmr.org.in/userLogin>
 - Step 2: Verify email ID and complete/update PI profile
 - Step 3: Proposal submission
4. After completing the mandatory sections of the PI profile:
 - Go to Proposal Submission
 - Click on EoI (left panel)
 - Click on blue '+Apply' button against "Expression of Interest for ICMR-Centre for Collaborative Research (CCR) – 2026".
 - Fill the form step by step.
5. For queries, contact: po.epms@icmr.gov.in

Timeline

Activity	Date
Release of EoI Call	19 March, 2026
Last date of receipt of EoI	17 April, 2026 (17:00 hrs)

**ICMR-CCR Scheme
EOI TEMPLATE**

Name of Principal Investigator/Lead Investigator (IN BLOCK LETTERS), Designation, Email*	
Name of the Institute (s)*	
Disease/health conditions of interest* <i>[Drop-down option as provided above in the table]</i>	
Name of the ICMR institute for collaborative research* <i>[Drop-down option for selecting ICMR institutions (Maximum of three ICMR institutions can be chosen)]</i>	
Details of the Research Team members	
A description of what the proposed CCR intends to work on *(200 words)	
What are the strengths of the research team *(250words)	
What are the strengths of the institute (s) in the proposed area for collaboration *(250 words)	
How the CCR is going to complement the objectives of the ICMR institute(s) *(250 words)	
Translational value of the collaboration *(250words)	
Expected deliverables in 5 years with a timeline *(250 words)	
Additional supporting document, if any	

*Essential details to be filled