



Request for Expression of Interest for ICMR Collaborating Centre of Excellence (ICMR-CCoE) – 2026

Background

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the apex body for formulation, coordination, and promotion of biomedical research in India. It is committed to promoting, supporting, and conducting research to improve the health of all our citizens and to make India a global leader in health. Our institutions should achieve global leadership in research with the aim of solving the health problems of Indian citizens.

ICMR recognises that India is becoming a global power in health research. A number of research institutions from the public and private sectors, including medical colleges and non-governmental organisations, have contributed to this achievement. ICMR aims to foster an enabling and sustainable ecosystem for collaborative, multidisciplinary biomedical research in the country.

In this backdrop, ICMR is inviting Expressions of Interest for recognition as ICMR-Collaborating Centres of Excellence.

Purpose

1. To recognise research groups that have conducted excellent research in the recent past as ICMR Collaborating Centres of Excellence.
2. To foster collaboration between ICMR & its institutes and Centres of Excellence, as well as amongst the Centres of Excellence.
3. To strengthen the country's resources in terms of information, services, research, and training in support of national health development.

Duration: 5 years (extendable based on review)

Categories of Organisations: Public, Private, NGO, academia, and research institutions including medical colleges, universities, veterinary colleges, engineering colleges, etc.

No Financial Support: Recognition as ICMR-CCoE is independent of any financial support being given to the institution by ICMR. No special financial support will be provided to ICMR-CCoE.

Eligibility

Indian research institutes or organisations can submit the EoI, provided they fulfil the following criteria:

- A research team of an institute with cutting-edge biomedical research experience, led by a senior PI.
- Excellent track record in health research in terms of impactful publications.
- Demonstrated collaboration with or contribution to ICMR.
- Willingness to contribute to ICMR's objectives and activities on an honorary basis (e.g., adjunct faculty for capacity development, assisting with proposal development workshops).
- Willingness to work with ICMR on national priorities related to public health.
- Categories of research teams: basic research, translational research, clinical research, laboratory-based research, population-based research.

Submission of Applications

Interested organisations can apply through the ICMR Electronic Project Management System (e-PMS).

Important Notes for Proposal Submission

1. Submission portal will open from **1st July 2026**.
2. Visit <https://epms.icmr.org.in>. The user manual (under *Guidelines* → *e-PMS manual*) is available on the portal.
3. The proposal 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 *Apply Proposal*
 - Select '*Request for Expression of Interest for ICMR Collaborating Centre of Excellence (ICMR-CCoE) – 2026*' from the dropdown – Apply New Proposal
 - Fill the form step by step.
5. For queries, contact: po.epms@icmr.gov.in

Timeline

Activity	Date
Release of Call	July 01, 2026
Last date of Submission of proposal	July 31, 2026 (17:00 hrs)
Declaration of Result	September 15, 2026