Graduate Research Grant (GRG) Guidelines

1. Introduction

The Graduate Research Grant (GRG) by the GTA Foundation, Nepal, in collaboration with the Henry Ford Health Global Health Initiative, USA, supports master's level health science students from Nepalese institutions by providing financial assistance for research in critical health areas.

2. About GTA Foundation

GTA Foundation is a sister organization of Group for Technical Assistance (GTA). Functioning within the same framework GTA Nepal leverage community-centered innovation, evidence-based advocacy, and strategic collaboration to address critical public health challenges. Our comprehensive portfolio includes: Immunization (Advocacy and Campaigns), Antimicrobial Stewardship, Surveillance and One Health Approach, Disaster Management and Pandemic Response, Disease Prevention and Control, Professional Training and Capacity Building, Digital Health/AI, Mental Health Initiatives, and Research and Data Analytics Unit.

3. Objective of Graduate Research Grant (GRG)

The GRG aims to support research addressing pressing health issues like antimicrobial resistance, health supply chain management, infection prevention and control, HPV, mental health, and the One Health approach. It seeks to nurture innovative researchers capable of contributing to public health through evidence-based studies and interventions.

4. Proposal Call

Master's level health science students from Nepalese institutions are invited to submit Research Concept Notes focusing on specified thematic areas. Proposals should include a clear research problem, objectives, literature review, hypotheses, study design, methods, study site description, population, samples, data collection tools, validity and reliability, proposed statistical analysis, ethical considerations, timeline, and detailed budget.

5. Thematic Areas

- Antimicrobial Resistance
- Mental Health
- One Health
- Infection Prevention and Control
- HPV
- Cardiac Problems
- Maternal and Child Health

6. **Submission Guidelines**

➢ **Study Title:** No more than 20 words.
➢ **Personal Information:** Name, gender, institutional affiliation, address, telephone, and email.
➢ **Supervisor Information:** Name, gender, institutional affiliation, designation, address, telephone, and email.
➢ **Proposal Content:** Research problem (200 words), objectives (100 words), literature review (300 words), hypotheses/research questions (25 words each), study design and methods (200 words), study site description (50 words), population, samples, and sampling techniques (100 words), proposed data collection tools and techniques, validity and reliability, proposed statistical analysis methods (100 words), ethical considerations, timeline, detailed budget, references, annex including student CV and supervisor letter.
➢ **Grant Budget:** NPR 50,000 per grant.

7. **Final Selection**

Selection will be based on the quality and potential impact of each proposal. From all submissions, 8 candidates will be initially shortlisted and invited to present their papers. Based on their presentations and the scores received for their original proposals, 4 to 5 winners will be chosen on the spot.

8. **Award**

Selected proposals receive a research grant of NPR 50,000. Awardees will be notified via email and must sign a grant agreement outlining terms and conditions, including reporting requirements and payment schedules.

9. **Terms and Conditions**

Use of Funds: Grant funds must be used as outlined in the proposal.
Reporting: Awardees must submit periodic progress reports and a final report.
Compliance: Awardees must comply with all ethical and legal research requirements.

10. **Monitoring**

The GTA Foundation will conduct regular monitoring of the funded research projects to ensure they are on track, adhering to proposed timelines, and meeting established goals. This involves periodic evaluations, progress reports, and the project's development and provides necessary support.

11. **Progress Submission**

Awardees must submit a mid-term progress report detailing research activities, preliminary findings, and challenges faced.

12. Final Report

Upon completion of the research, awardees must submit a comprehensive final report, including detailed findings, analysis, and conclusions, supported by relevant data and documentation. (Letter from Supervisor/Department/College/University)

Additional Requirement

After receiving the grant, grantees are required to present their proposal as called by the GTA Foundation notice from the **"Grant Secretariat"**

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