Expression of Interest

Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi

Invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from ICMR-INTENT

Centres for Organising Workshops to

Expand Capacity for Conducting Clinical Trials

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The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi, invites Expression of Interest (EoI) from ICMR Indian Clinical Trial and Education Network (INTENT) centres for organising workshops in selected areas/domains of clinical trials to expand capacity for designing and conducting the same. These workshops aims to provide comprehensive training and insights into the design, conduct, and management of clinical trials in alignment with global standards.

Interested applicants may submit required information through a Google form, the link for which is available at the end of this document. Please note that only shortlisted ICMR-INTENT centres will be contacted for the subsequent steps.

Background:

ICMR-INTENT is an initiative to build a network of research institutes which has been launched with an overarching goal of providing evidence based, robust and culturally sensitive solutions to urgent health problems, in a reasonable time frame, by conducting large multi-centric clinical trials. ICMR-INTENT aims to build an ecosystem of trained clinicians and researchers who are poised to take up clinical trials for providing end to end solutions for new drugs, devices or interventions.

Clinical trial workshops are essential for fostering the knowledge and skills required to design, conduct, and manage clinical research effectively. These workshops play a crucial role in ensuring that clinical trials are conducted ethically, efficiently, and in compliance with regulatory requirements. Majority of young clinicians and researchers in the country are not aware of the systematic ways of designing and conducting a good quality clinical trial. Hence, there is a need to train them through workshops which would help in expanding the capacity to conduct clinical trials in the country.

In view of the above, ICMR proposes to support three high quality workshops to expand capacity for conducting clinical trials in medical institutes/colleges in different regions of the country during the year 2024-25. The broad topics for the three workshops are:

1) Regulatory aspects of clinical trials
2) Advanced clinical trial designs
3) Clinical validation of devices and diagnostics

Objective:

1) To expand the capacity for conducting clinical trials across different regions of the country by conducting collaborative clinical trial workshops funded by ICMR

Who can submit EoI?

Medical faculties/researchers interested in organising workshops to expand capacity for conducting clinical trials must have regular employment in medical institutes/colleges and are a part of ICMR-INTENT network.

Format of EOI to be submitted

a) Brief background: Explain your current role/organization involvement in clinical trials and previous experience in conducting workshops in health research. (Max 500 words)

b) Interest Statement: Select one of the three workshop topics and why are you interested in conducting this workshop? (Max 500 words)

c) How will this workshop help in capacity development for conducting clinical trials? (Max 500 words)

d) Detailed programme of the workshop (2 pages max, attach PDF)

e) Workshop budget: A budget of up to ₹10 lakhs per workshop will be provided to conduct the workshop. Detailed budget must be submitted by the applicant.

f) List of resource persons/faculties of the workshop with their complete affiliation (1-page max, PDF). The resource persons/faculties may be external to the applicant's institute, including ICMR institutes.

g) Type of facilities available at the organizing institute [e.g., conference hall, audio-visual facilities, guest house, etc.]

h) Brief CV of the organizing secretary and key members of the organizing team, including their names, academic qualifications, affiliation, department and experience in conducting trials in a table format. (max 2 pages, attach PDF)

i) Report of up to five previous workshops conducted as organizing secretary/co-

organizing secretary (max 5 pages, attach PDF)

Important Considerations for Submitting the EoI:

Your submission must thoroughly address each specific question outlined in the Google form. Provide clear, concise, and detailed responses that demonstrate your understanding and alignment with the EoI requirements. Adherence to these points will be critical in the evaluation of your EoI. Please ensure that your submission is complete and aligned with the objectives of the workshop.

Review Process

The process for reviewing the EoI submissions for the clinical validation of medical devices will involve the following steps:

1) **Initial Screening by ICMR:** The EoI documents will be evaluated and shortlisted by a team at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). During this initial phase, the ICMR team will screen the applications for completeness and accuracy of information. Each application will be screened independently, irrespective of the number of applications submitted by a single ICMR-INTENT centre.

2) **Short listing of Applicants:** Applications that meet the eligibility criteria will be reviewed by independent experts based on the information submitted by applicants. Applications for each of the three workshops will be reviewed separately by independent experts and ICMR and shortlisted for further consideration by the Competent Authority of ICMR.

3) **Further steps:** Selected ICMR-INTENT centres for each workshop will be informed about their selection and further procedures regarding conducting the same.

Submit the EoI through Google form link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeu9AvRul9-7A9gWQgBBGYVSBYX0Ju2IsNiio1eqs-X4a0HVg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Timelines

Activities	Tentative date
Release of Call	31st December 2024
Last date for submission of EoI	20th January 2025

Declaration of results	28th February 2025
Conduct of workshop	April-May 2025

ICMR reserves the right to cancel this EoI and/or reissue it with or without amendments, without incurring any liability or obligation. No reason may be provided for such decisions. Please be informed that the information provided at this stage is indicative. ICMR reserves the right to amend or add further details to the EoI as deemed necessary by the Competent Authority, which will be duly notified.

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