

## **RSSDI Diabetes Digital Health Research Grant – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Eligibility, Themes and Deliverables Related**

Q. I am not a member of RSSDI. How can I submit a proposal?

A. You can either become a member of RSSDI or collaborate with an existing member of RSSDI to submit the proposal.

Q. I am not developing or using any Digital Health tools. Will my proposal be considered for funding.

A. No, proposals which do not involve innovative use of Digital Health tools or development Digital Health tools will not be considered for funding.

Q. If outcome of my work is only a research paper, will my proposal be considered for funding.

A. No, proposals which do not deliver Digital Health tools will not be considered for funding.

### **Number of Grants and Amount of Grant related**

Q. Can I submit multiple proposals in the same year?

A. Yes, you can.

Q. My proposal requires less than INR 12.5 lakhs per year, can I submit a proposal.

A. Yes, you can

Q. My proposal requires much more funding than INR 12.5 Lakhs per year, should I submit a proposal.

A. At this time, we are restricted to INR 12.5 lakhs per year. However, we encourage you to apply to other agencies for balance funding.

Q. I need more than INR 12.5 lakhs in year 1 but in subsequent years I need less than 12.5 lakhs in year. Can I get extra funding in year 1.

A. We will consider such proposals.

Q. What if I get additional funds from other grants?

A. Yes, that is fine.

Q. My organization has rules for more than 10% of project cost as overhead. Will I be eligible to apply?

A. Please inform your organization that institution's overheads cannot be more than 10% of total budget.

Q. Can investigator's receive salary or honorarium from the grant?

A. Full-time employed personnel and government employees are not eligible to receive honorarium or remuneration or salary from the grant irrespective of the name of such remuneration.

Q. How does project evaluation happen for the next year funding?

A. Quarterly 1-2 slides to be sent. Online presentation to be made yearly. Next year funding will be released based on acceptable progress made, fund utilization and utilization certificate, likely to end in impactful work.

**Proposal and format related**

Q. My proposal is more than 3 pages long. Can I submit.

A. Please reduce the length of your proposal to 3 pages or less before submission. Please note that budget, letters of support, investigator resumes, ethics committee approval, bank account details can attached extra in addition to the main proposal.

**Timeline and Selection related**

Q. My proposal will not be ready by April 30, 2025. Can I submit later?

A. No, last date for submission of proposals is April 30, 2025 this year.

Q. Will the presentation for shortlisting be in-person?

A. No. Presentation will be online.

**Disbursement related**

Q. When will I get funds and what will be duration of funding?

A. Selected applicants will receive year1 eligible amounts by June 30, 2025 (up to INR 12.5 Lakhs). Entire year1 funds will be transferred.

**Intellectual Property Rights related**

Q. What is Intellectual Property Rights policy for the deliverables created from the grant?

A. The intellectual property rights in all the deliverables will belong to the investigators and their employer organizations as per their internal policies.

Q. We are a group of two or more investigators. How will Intellectual Property Rights be distributed among us?

A. The intellectual property rights in all the deliverables will belong to the investigators and their employer organizations as per their internal policies.

**Publication related**

Q. Is it necessary to publish only in IJDDC?

A. No, you can publish results in any other journal too.