

Invitation for research proposals by CSI Kerala chapter.

1. The General body of CSI Kerala held on 3/5/2015 decided to call for research proposals to be initiated in the year 2015-16. The Proposals may be submitted to the CSI-headquarters before June 30th 2015. The committee will evaluate the proposals and make final decision before August 15th 2015.
2. Proposals should be submitted in two hard copies with additional soft copy in a CD for record purposes. In one of the copies, please remove all the identifiers eg. name of the Institution(s), name of the investigator(s) so that it will help in reviewing the projects in a blinded fashion by the committee.
3. The committee will scrutinize the proposals in a blinded fashion and rank them prior to selection. The committee will meet in July 2015 and decide on the proposals. Tele-conferencing may be used for this purpose. A ranking will be given. The number of studies and the amount to be funded can be decided by the committee based on the rankings and the availability of funds after presenting in the next general body.
4. The proposals should reach the CSIK office in Kochi, addressed to the Secretary, CSI Kerala Chapter, Kerala Heart House, 1st Floor, Mampilly Estate, Kundanoor, Maradu P.O, Kochi - 682 304., Tel. LL 0484 2706422, Cell: 09809 210354.
5. Once the study is approved, or need any clarification, the investigators will be informed. They have to submit the clarifications and modify the study proposal if required with a period of two weeks.
6. The funding will be proportionate to the budget. If the budget is thought to be inordinately high/without proper break up or explanation, the proposal will have to be resubmitted with appropriate modifications in the financial statement.
7. The proposer may have to be satisfied with partial funding and the rest of the fund should be raised by the investigator(s).
8. The Study even if partially funded by other agencies (governmental or industry) cannot have a financial gain to the investigators.

9. The proposal should be relevant to cardiovascular diseases in the state of Kerala and the study should have societal or scientific relevance which is of concern to Kerala CSI
10. The studies should be prospective, preferable multi-centric, either epidemiological, interventional or testing a hypothesis. Registry data collection and analysis also will be acceptable.
11. Newer proposals should not be a repetition of the studies conducted earlier by the CSI Kerala
12. Once approved, the data will be the property of CSI Kerala and it should be acknowledged in all the publications and presentations arising out of the study data.
13. The decision regarding approval and funding by the scientific committee shall be final.
14. The investigator shall present a full audited report of the account within 1 year of completion of the study
15. Guidelines for submission.
 1. Full proposal needs to be submitted (even if it is resubmission, a fresh proposal need to be submitted) which should include:
 - a. Background with literature review.
 - b. A paragraph which states “why Kerala CSI should fund the study”.
 - c. Aims and Objectives – should be clearly defined.
 - d. Sample size calculation and plan and method for Statistical analysis.
 - e. Detailed funding and Detailed break-up of each item.
 - f. Proforma or data collection tools.
 - g. Timelines for each stage of the study.
 2. Multicenter studies will be preferred which involves active participation of CSI members.
 3. Though funded by CSIK, the proforma and the consent of the study should clarify that the investigators who are applying to CSI are considered legally as the sponsors of the study. All the legal issues or compensation issues arising out of the particular study will be the sole responsibility of the investigators and CSIK or its office bearers will not be responsible. (This is necessitated because the new rules of compensation by DGCA put the responsibility of compensation on the sponsors.)

4. The investigators should sign an agreement that they will work under the existing guidelines and rules proposed by the research committee and the GBM and also the periodic modifications which may happen in the subsequent years.
5. The data generated from this study need to be published within two years of completion of the study. The funding from the CSIK should be acknowledged in all the publications and presentations.
6. Periodic reports about the progress of the study and part accounts (money spent every year) need to be submitted to the GBM during the CSIK Summer conference.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

Last date for submission of research proposals - **30th June 2015**

Two hard copies and same in soft copy in CD need to be submitted. Remove identity from one copy.

Please read the guidelines and instructions carefully before submitting. Proposals not complying with the guidelines will be rejected.

This document will be available in our website – **www.csikerala.org**

If you have not received an acknowledgement number two weeks after submission, please contact CSIK office. The address to which the proposals to be submitted.

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