ITI Research Grants Application Guidelines

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Principles

The ITI Research Committee invites researchers globally to submit innovative and original study protocols. These protocols must be reviewed by an Ethical Board and comply with the principles of Good Clinical Practice (GCP).

Certain fundamental questions or the development of new materials may necessitate the use of animal models. Researchers must adhere to the 3Rs principles to evaluate the necessity of animal experiments:

- **Replacement:** Are there alternative methods that could reduce or completely replace the need for animal experiments?
- **Reduction:** Can the number of animals used to be minimized?
- **Refinement:** How can stress and pain be minimized?

Specific guidelines and regulations, mandated by law, govern the allocation of research funds by the Foundation. The First Applicant is responsible for purchasing items in their country using the grant funds as budgeted. In multi-center studies or similar projects, the First Applicant must supply co-workers with necessary materials.

The ITI Research Grant application must be completed in accordance with the latest version of the ITI Terms & Conditions and current guidelines.

Applications can only be accepted if they are submitted by the specified deadline and both First Applicant and the Institution signed the terms & conditions.

Evaluation of the application is contingent upon the provision of accurate and complete information by the applicant(s). The grant application must be completed in English.

The first applicant will be the ITI Headquarters' official and preferred correspondence partner.

Restrictions

- Grants shall be awarded exclusively to applicants affiliated with an academic institution. Independent applicants requested to get in touch ITI Headquarters (research@iti.org) prior to submitting their application.
- All funds provided by the ITI Foundation must be used exclusively for research purposes.
- Budget entries must include VAT, where applicable.
- Upon the awarding of a grant, the first applicant shall be prohibited from submitting any further grant applications for a period of three years.
- First applicants are limited to one application per application deadline, regardless of grant type.
- Once a grant has been awarded, no additional funding shall be provided to the grant recipient for the same study at any future date.
- Research proposals consisting of two or more consecutive, interdependent work packages (e.g., pre-clinical laboratory study followed by an animal study) shall not be funded in case the second experiment (i.e., the animal study) can only be designed based on the results of the first experiment (i.e., the laboratory study).
- University overhead or administration costs cannot exceed 20% of the applied grant amount.
- Financial compensation for faculty employees cannot exceed 10% of the applied grant amount.
- Publication costs shall be covered up to a maximum of USD 3,500.00.
- Expenses related to trips for presenting study results shall not be covered.
- Costs for hotel accommodation and food & beverages shall not be covered.
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- Costs for basic surgical equipment and basic IT-equipment shall not be covered.
- The first instalment cannot exceed 50% of the total grant value.
- The last instalment of 20% of the grant value will be paid upon publication of the study results in an international, peer reviewed journal.

Grant Types

Small Grants

This grant type is primarily intended for young researchers who have been working within established groups and wish to expand their scope and level of responsibility or want to establish a track record in implant dentistry.

Large Grants

This grant type will be awarded to experienced researchers/research groups or large multi-centric projects.

Funding

Currency	Applicable Countries / Regions	Small grant	Large grant
CHF	Switzerland	44,000	175,000
EUR	Africa, Europe	46,000	180,000
USD	Asia, North & South America, Oceania	50,000	200,000

Applying for an ITI research grant application

The application form on the ITI research portal can be accessed via the link provided on our website www.iti.org/research-grants. The research portal is compatible with Safari, Mozilla Fire, Edge and Chrome, however we recommend using Chrome.

A free user account must be created on the research application platform. Your application is saved automatically. You can save and exit your application at any time and continue at a later point. All mandatory fields are marked with a *. In "Application summary" tab you can track which sections of the application have already been completed and which must still be finalized. Clicking on "this field is required" will direct you to the section that must be completed.

If your application is accepted, all the administrative tasks such as providing annual update reports, supporting documents etc. are to be completed and submitted directly on the platform. If your entry needs to be adjusted, you can overwrite it. In certain cases, you can click on [x] to delete your entry.

Manage invitations

You may invite one or more contacts to assist you in the preparation or proofreading of your ITI research grant application by designating them as contributors. To do so, please click on "Manage Invitations" and follow the provided instructions. You have the option to grant either full access (read and write) or read-only access to the contributors.

Application review process

The ITI Research Committee members review the applications based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to current clinical issues in implant dentistry
- Originality of the hypothesis
- Suitability of methodology proposed
- Experience of the applying researchers/academic affiliation and research conditions/environment
- Transparency and relevance of the formulated budget

Possible outcomes of your application

- Acceptance of the project as submitted.
- Request for minor revision according to given criteria (no need for re-application).
- Request for major revision according to given criteria (new application will be required).
- Rejection of the project (general feedback is provided).

Further questions shall be addressed by email to research@iti.org.

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