

ITI Research Grants

Key Information & Application Guidelines

1. Eligibility & key restrictions

- Applicants must be affiliated with an academic institution.
- First Applicants may submit only one application per application deadline, regardless of grant type.
- Research proposals consisting of two or more consecutive, interdependent work packages (e.g. a pre-clinical laboratory study followed by an animal study) will not be funded if the second work package can only be designed based on the results of the first.

The ITI aims for responsible and restricted use of animal models and expects clear argumentation from the researchers. While the ITI recognizes that preclinical in-vivo studies are a critical component of the research & development process, especially in the medical device realm, we ensure that we support animal models within these studies, when necessary, for the logical continuation of a scientific project.

2. Grant types & funding

Small Grants

Small Grants are primarily intended for early-career researchers who wish to expand their level of responsibility within an established research group or build a track record in implant dentistry.

Large Grants

Large Grants are intended for experienced researchers, research groups, or large multicentre projects.

Funding

The maximum funding available depends on the grant type and the applicant's region.

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

3. Research principles

The ITI supports innovative and original research projects that address relevant questions in implant dentistry. All studies must comply with Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and obtain the required ethical approvals

Where animal research is required, applicants must follow the 3Rs principles:

- **Replacement:** consider alternatives to animal experiments.
- **Reduction:** minimise the number of animals used.
- **Refinement:** minimise stress and pain.

In multicentre projects, the First Applicant is responsible for coordinating the use and distribution of materials funded through the grant.

4. Application requirements

Before submitting your application, please ensure that:

- Your application complies with the latest version of the ITI Terms & Conditions and current guidelines.
- The application is submitted before the deadline.
- The Terms & Conditions have been signed by both the First Applicant and the Institution.
- All information provided is complete and accurate.
- The application is completed in English.

Applications that do not meet these requirements will be excluded from the evaluation process.

The First Applicant will be the ITI Headquarters' official and preferred correspondence partner throughout the application and grant management process.

5. How to apply

Applications must be submitted through the **ITI Research Portal**: <https://research-application.iti.org/en>

- A free user account is required.
- Applications are saved automatically and may be completed over multiple sessions.
- The Application Summary section allows applicants to identify incomplete or missing information.
- Following grant approval, all reporting and administrative tasks are managed through the portal.

Contributors

Applicants may invite collaborators to assist with the preparation or proofreading of their application and grant either:

- Read-only access
- Read and write access

For detailed instructions on using the portal and managing contributors, please read the **Applicant Resources**.

6. Budget & Funding Restrictions

All funds provided by the ITI Foundation must be used exclusively for research purposes. Budget entries must include VAT where applicable.

Funding Item	Coverage / Restriction
University overhead / administrative costs	Up to 20% of the approved grant
Compensation for affiliated faculty collaborators	Up to 10% of the approved grant
Compensation for non-faculty collaborators	Up to 20% of the approved grant
Publication costs	Up to USD 3,500
Hotel & accommodation expenses	Not covered
Food & beverage expenses	Not covered
Travel expenses for congress participation	Not covered
Basic surgical equipment and basic IT equipment	Not covered
PhD / MSc student stipend	Not covered

7. Application review process

Applications that meet all formal requirements are reviewed by the ITI Research Committee based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to current clinical issues in implant dentistry
- Originality of the hypothesis
- Suitability of the proposed methodology
- Experience of the research team and research environment
- Transparency and relevance of the proposed budget

Possible outcomes

- Acceptance
- Minor revision (no reapplication required)
- Major revision (new application required)
- Rejection (general feedback provided)

8. If your application is successful

Funding conditions

- The first instalment cannot exceed 50% of the total grant value.
- The final instalment (20%) is paid upon publication of the study results in an international peer-reviewed journal.

Grant restrictions

- Grant recipients may not submit a new ITI Research Grant application for a period of three

- years.
- No additional funding will be provided for the same study once a grant has been awarded.

9. Questions

For further information, please contact research@iti.org.