



MINISTRY OF HEALTH RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS APPLICATION FORM

Research is an important component of Jamaica's health system, and should play a critical role in the creation of knowledge to be utilized by varying sectors within the health delivery system. The role of research is enshrined in Vision 2030, a long term development plan for Jamaica, which envisions a healthy and stable population as one of the national outcomes. The Ministry of Health wishes to encourage research to guide policy with the aim of promoting national development. As such, the Ministry seeks to promote health research in priority areas listed under the National Health Research Agenda by providing research funding grants for post-graduate students under the following ten priority areas:

1. Universal access to health and universal health coverage	6. The factors affecting, and the impact of violence and injuries (including intentional and unintentional injuries)
2. The association of the social determinants of health with infant, child and adolescent health (including outcomes such as mortality)	7. Financial sustainability for health including health research;
3. Neglected tropical diseases, emerging and re-emerging diseases such as Zika, Chikungunya and Ebola	8. Estimates of disease burden including summary measures of disease burden;
4. Cancers (including cervical, breast, colon, prostate) and their general outcomes and epidemiology	9. Cost of disease burden;
5. What are successful interventions for the treatment of cardiovascular conditions including hypertension?	10. Diabetes mellitus including its effect on pregnancy

This application comprises **three** parts:

Part 1 The Research Grant Application Form in fillable pdf format (maximum 15 pages)

Part 2 The Workplan, Budget and Budget Justification (Word Document)

Part 3 Declarations to be signed by the Principal Investigator and Head of Department/Dean. These should be scanned and sent via e-mail using the email address below (Word Document)

All documents should be submitted electronically to enhresearchgrant@moh.gov.jm Applications should be single-spaced and submitted using Times New Roman font size 12, and should fit within the page limit specified for each section. **Applications submitted contrary to formatting instructions will not be reviewed.**

(1) Grant Application Information

Date of Application:		
	_____/_____/_____	
	day month year	
Principal Investigator: (The Principal Investigator should be Supervisor of the post-graduate student submitting the application)		
Surname:	First name:	Position:
Address:	Telephone:	Email Address:
Co-investigators		
Surname:	First name:	Position:
Address:	Telephone:	Email Address:
Surname:	First name:	Position:
Address:	Telephone:	Email Address:
Surname:	First name:	Position:
Address:	Telephone:	Email Address:
Surname:	First name:	Position:
Address:	Telephone:	Email Address:
Name of Student Applying for Grant Award:		

Institution to Which Applicant Affiliated:
National Health Research Agenda Priority Area Covered:
Title of Proposal:
Grant Request Amount (JA \$):
Counterpart Funding (JA \$):
Project Duration (months):

(2) Abstract: (250 Words)

The abstract should describe succinctly all major components of the research project. This should include the background, aims and objectives, methodology, significance of research, ethical considerations, budget and timelines.

(3) Literature Review (2 pages):

This section should include recent published literature on the topic. It should highlight gaps in research and build a case as to why the current research is necessary.

(4) Aims and Objectives (1 page):

This should summarize the goals and objectives of the current research as well as expected outcomes.

(5) Methodology (3 pages):

List each objective and explain in detail the methods that will be used to achieve the stated outcomes. Reference should be made to established methods. Provide details of study design; measurements; data collection methods; sampling methodology; sample size calculation; and plan for data analysis.

(6) Innovation (1 page)

Applicants should use this section to identify any new concepts, methods, approaches or instrumentation in their research, or how the research may add new insights which are counter to the current models of understanding.

(7) Impact/Significance of the Work to Health Policy/Practice (0.5 page):

This should describe the problem to be addressed and how this will add to the field of scientific knowledge. The section should also indicate how the research may influence current policy and or practice of the Ministry of Health.

(8) Knowledge Transfer/Dissemination (0.5 page):

Research should indicate plans for dissemination of research taking into consideration the different audiences/beneficiaries of research findings.

(9) Ethical Considerations (1 page):

This section should include risks and benefits to participants, institutional permissions, informed consent, measures to protect data confidentiality and security and vulnerable populations.

(10) References (1 page):

Applicants are encouraged to cite recent literature (that is, literature published in the last five years), where possible.

Appendix I

(A.1) Qualifications and Experience (1 page):

This section should demonstrate the Researcher's ability to execute the research. Applicants should indicate the roles and responsibilities of each member of the research team, indicating the requisite qualifications and experience for the task. Researchers should submit a one page biosketch for each team member, **highlighting the necessary areas of expertise relevant to the project.**

