



Mauritius Research Council

**Small Scale
Research Grant Scheme**

General Information

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Purpose of the Scheme

As part of its efforts to generate interest in research work across the various segments of the community, the MRC is launching a Small-Scale Research Grant Scheme (SSRGS) aimed at those individuals or groups yet to embark on research. This brochure and its accompanying documents are designed to guide you in understanding the basic purpose and concepts of research to help you to draft a proposal to the Council.

If you have an excellent idea for a research project that does not require a high degree of sophistication then the MRC's Small-Scale Research Grant Scheme is what you need. We offer you advice on how to formulate a proposal, direct you to sources of information and help you to establish contact with possible interested partners.

Eligibility

Undergraduates, graduates, teachers, members of the police force, medical and paramedical staff, trade unions, non-governmental organisations and personnel of the public and private sectors, among others, can apply for grants under the SSRGS.

Individual applicants are encouraged to submit proposals in partnership with recognised institutions, public or private, that can give impetus and direction to the proposed research.

Amount funded by the MRC

Research grants will be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 months. Each award shall not normally exceed Rs. 150,000.

Grants are not normally available for the following:

- Writing up previous research,
- Travel for general study,

- Organisation of conferences, workshops or seminars,
- Preparation of books and publications, and
- Purchase of computer hardware and software (Access to computer facilities may be made available by the MRC)
- Academic Studies for self-qualifications

Application procedure

Applicants are required to present their proposal(s) in a standard format to ensure that (i) the issues to be addressed are properly understood, (ii) the objectives to be attained are well specified, (iii) the methodology to be used is clearly outlined, and (iv) the results of the research can be applied and/or disseminated.

A model application form together with guidelines for filling the form can be downloaded from the MRC website or are available at the Reception Desk of the MRC.

In addition, the Guide for Undertaking Small-Scale Research provides useful tips to prepare the research proposal.

Evaluation Criteria

The following criteria will be used in the assessment exercise

- Innovativeness of the proposal towards solving a particular problem(s)
- **Quality** of the proposal in terms of clarity of the objectives and methodology to be used
- **Benefits** accruing to a particular group or the society at large
- **Qualification** of the proposer(s) - individual or team
- Financial aspects
- Potentials of the proposal to foster a research culture and develop a synergy among participants.

For more details on the scheme, please consult the SSRGS: Guide and the SSRGS: General Conditions and Information to Applicants available at the Mauritius Research Council or on its website <http://www.mrc.org.mu>

Important Note: A call for Proposals is advertised for specific schemes at least once every year. Only applications submitted as a response to the call for Proposals and within the prescribed delay will be considered by the MRC.

