ITI research grant application guidelines

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Introduction

The ITI Research Committee encourages researchers from all over the world to bring in interesting and original study protocols. These protocols must be rated by an Ethical board and have to be in line with the rules of Good Clinical Practice (GCP).
Some basic questions or development of new materials need the help of an animal model. The principles of the 3Rs help researchers to assess the need for animal experiments.

- Replacement: Are there methods, which might help to reduce or fully replace an animal experiment?
- Reduction: Can the number of animals be reduced?
- Refinement: How can stress and pain be minimalized?

There are specific guidelines and regulations to which, by law, the Foundation must adhere when allocating research funds. All monies provided by the ITI Foundation are tobe allocated for research purposes only. All costs entered in the budget must include VAT where applicable. The First Applicant is to purchase the items in his/her country from the grant money as budgeted. In the case of a multi-center study or similar, the First Applicant is responsible for supplying the co- workers with materials as necessary.

The ITI Research grant form is to be filled out in accordance with this version of the ITI research grant application guidelines and the information provided in the online application form. Also, it must be submitted by the respective deadline.

Evaluation of the application is only possible if accurate and complete information is provided by the applicant(s). The grant application must be filled out in English in asmuch detail as possible.

The first applicant will be ITI Headquarters' exclusive correspondence partner.

Restrictions

- Grants are only awarded to applicants who are affiliated with an academic institution. Independent applicants are requested to get in touch with ITI Headquarters before submitting their application.
- Once a grant has been awarded, the first applicant is barred from making any further grant application for a period of three years.
- First applicants are restricted to one application per application deadline.
- Once a grant has been awarded, no additional funding will be awarded to the grant recipient for the same study at a later point in time.
- Research proposals that comprise two or more consecutive, interdependent work packages (e.g., a laboratory study followed by an animal study) cannot be funded if 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).
- The ITI does not cover overhead/administration costs which exceed 20%.
- Trips to present study results are not covered.
- Hotel accommodation and food & beverages will not be covered.
- Salaries for faculty members should not exceed 10% of the amount applied for.
- Costs for basic surgical equipment and computers will not be covered.
- Publications costs for open access are covered up to USD 2'500.00.
- As a general rule, the first installment does not exceed 50% of the grant total. Twenty per cent of the agreed amount will be held back and transferred after receipt of the final report.

Grant types & amounts

Small grant (SG)

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 Grant (LG)

This grant type will be awarded to experienced researchers/research groups only.

Grant amounts

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

How to start your ITI Research grant application

A free ITI Research user account must be created. If your application is approved, administrative tasks such as providing annual update reports are to be completed in your account.

You can access the ITI research portal on our website www.iti.org/research-grants or directly here. The research portal is compatible with Safari, Mozilla Fire, Edge and Chrome, however we recommend using Chrome.

Your application is saved automatically. You can save and exit your application at anytime and continue at a later point.

All mandatory fields are marked with a *. In tab "Application summary" you can see at a glance which sections have been completed and which must still be filled in. By clicking on "this field is required" you will be directed to the section that must be completed.

If your entry needs to be adjusted, you can overwrite it. In certain cases, you can click onthe **x,** to delete your entry.

Manage invitations

You can invite one or more people to assist you in writing/proofreading your ITI Research grant application by adding them as a contributor. Therefore, click on "manage invitations" and follow the steps indicated. You can decide if you would like to grant full access (read & write) or read mode only.

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
- Transparent and realistically formulated budget

Possible outcomes of your application

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

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