

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SHORT TERM RESEARCH PROJECTS (2025-26)**

The Tuberculosis Association of India (TAI) provides financial assistance to short term research projects on topics/fields which are in line with those proposed to be taken at our Annual National Conference (NATCON). TAI will inform you as soon as the place for Conference is finalized, may broadly take up the following topics:

1. Epidemiology ofTB
2. NTEP, HIV-TB, MDR-TB,XDR-TB
3. Pneumonia, COPD andAsthma
4. TB Diagnostics – Genome andSequencing
5. Sleep-DisorderedBreathing
6. Public & Private Partnership for DOTS Implementation
7. Tobacco & LungHealth
8. PaediatricTuberculosis
9. Bird Flu (AvianInfluenza)
10. Surgery in Pulmonary Tuberculosis
11. Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilization(ACSM)
12. Socio-behavioral studies in HIV and TB
13. Lung Health
14. TB & Diabetes
15. Pulmonary rehabilitation
16. Information Technology in Respiratory Diseases
17. Indoor and outdoorPollution
18. Air borne infectioncontrol
19. Nutrition andTB
20. GeriatricTB
21. Newer Technology inTB
22. Universal access to TBCare
23. Role of Civil Society in TB prevention andcure
24. Role of nurses and Para-medics in tuberculosiscontrol
25. Non-tuberculosisMycobacteria
26. Extra-pulmonary tuberculosis
27. Newer drugs andvaccines
28. Genetics and Immunology inTuberculosis
29. Artificial Intelligence and RespiratoryDiseases
30. COVID-19

2. The financial assistance up to Rs.50,000/- to each is provided to the selected projects. The researcher (applicant) is expected to complete the project within six months of the approval\* thereof by TAI. The amount sanctioned is released in one or two installments, the first on approval\* and the second on successful submission of progress being made (from after a month of release of first installment).

3. The successful applicants will be required to provide Ethical Clearance of their institutions for the project. The approval will be subject to sending (before release of funds) a consent of the researcher that he or she will be able to do this research project within the amount sanctioned.

4. All medical students and doctors are eligible for submitting short term research projects. The proposed project must be forwarded/recommended by the Dean, HOD, Principal of the medical college/institution where the researcher proposes to conduct research. The project can also be forwarded through our State TB Associations.

5. The research proposals in the prescribed application form (downloadable from our website given below) duly approved/recommended/forwarded by the Head of the Department/Dean of the Institution, Principal of Medical College, State TB Association, Chief Guide, etc. (scanned), including the advance copy thereof, must essentially be uploaded on the portal on TAI website <https://portal.tbassnindia.org/>

6. The results/findings of the research may be used by the TAI for publication in its Indian Journal of Tuberculosis. So it may not be given/disclosed by the researcher to any one without the prior permission of TAI.

7. For any further technical support or question, the applicant can communicate with IJT coordinator Mrs. Rinku Negi (email: [tbassnindia@yahoo.co.in](mailto:tbassnindia@yahoo.co.in))

8. Last date for submission of research proposals is 30<sup>st</sup> April 2025. The final decision on grant of funds will be made by a committee set up for the purpose.

**9. ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE PORTAL IN WEBSITE ONLY. APPLICATION MADE FROM ANY OTHER MODE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

10. It will be appreciated if you can kindly bring this to the notice of one and all, by giving wide publicity. You may kindly get it displayed in the Notice Board of your Medical College/Institution.

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