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## SHORT-TERM GRANT FOR RESEARCH CAPACITY STRENGTHENING AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT TO HELP IMPROVE DISEASE CONTROL

Submission deadline 12 May 2013

### Request for Applications

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This is a new short-term grant scheme designed to bridge strategic gaps in research capacity and knowledge management to help researchers and health professionals increase their contribution in addressing issues related to disease control. Building on past investments in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC), the grant provides support to individuals or research teams to:

- expand their scope of knowledge and/or skills, and contribute to long-term achievements and sustainability of research efforts leading to health improvement
- address specific research capacity or knowledge management aspects that can advance the understanding, analysis and ways of finding solutions to public health problems

This grant was developed to support the [new strategic plan](#) of the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), which gives emphases to intervention and implementation research, and research capacity strengthening to improve the health of those burdened by infectious diseases of poverty.

Support under this grant will be flexible, based on public health relevance, scientific quality and feasibility of the proposed expected output to be achieved within a period of one year. Examples of activities to be supported under the scheme include, but are not limited to:

*Targeted short-term training, mentorship or workshops in methodologies related to implementation/operation research and knowledge management such as: systematic and scoping reviews, development of operational tools, data management, harmonization of protocols, approaches for translating research results into policy and practices, observational studies to understand and address programmatic and operational issues.*

The grant will **not** fund formal academic degree training, experimental studies or data collection involving human subjects or biological samples, or acquisition of skills not linked to a specific scientific output. In 2013 it is anticipated that 20-30 new grants (up to US\$ 50 000, non-renewed) will be awarded.

## **Eligibility**

The grant is targeted to nationals from low- and middle-income countries, employed by a national governmental or non-governmental organization for at least 12 months. Each application must be endorsed by the head of the home institution. Only proposals with tangible results will be considered. Applications from previous TDR grantees and from women are encouraged.

## **How to apply:**

Applicants must prepare a proposal using Times New Roman font (12) and 1.5 line spacing including:

- Identification
  - full name (family name in capital letters), date of birth, sex and nationality
  - personal address, telephone number and email
  - current position, institution name, address, telephone number, e-mail and web site
- A half page abstract of the proposed activity/project
- A rationale for the proposal and its potential impact (maximum 4 pages), including:
  - background and objectives
  - a description of the specific needs/gaps to be addressed with the proposed activity
  - a description of the output to be generated
  - suggestions for how to extend the benefit of the support to the home institution
  - budget with detailed breakdown
- A letter of support from the host/collaborating institution or mentor (as applicable)
- An official letter of endorsement from the home institution, confirming the applicant's ability to undertake the proposed activity, and certifying that the applicant will be granted leave of absence
- A summary *curriculum vitae* including educational and employment history, and professional achievements (maximum 4 pages)

Applications should be sent to [rcstdr@who.int](mailto:rcstdr@who.int) in a single e-mail with a single pdf file attached including the CV, proposal, letter(s) of support/endorsement. On the subject line please indicate: "name of the applicant – RCS/KM grant 2013".

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis by an external panel of experts based on the relevance of proposed activities, and the expected result in terms of new knowledge, skills or tools and the added value of the grant.

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**Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed**

## **For further information contact:**

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