



Madhu Global Research Institute

# MGRI Chemistry Research Grant 2026

One research project will receive funding support of up to

**INR 1,00,000**

Supporting original and practical research in chemistry and related interdisciplinary areas.



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CALL FOR PROPOSALS AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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This document sets out the scope, eligibility, application requirements, evaluation criteria, and award conditions for the MGRI Chemistry Research Grant 2026. Applicants are advised to read it in full before preparing a proposal.

## GRANT AMOUNT

**Up to  
INR 1,00,000**

## NUMBER OF AWARDS

**One  
project**

## PROJECT DURATION

**Up to  
12 months**

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## Grant Overview

Madhu Global Research Institute (MGRI) invites proposals from eligible India-based universities, colleges, research institutes, and registered research organizations working in chemistry and related interdisciplinary fields. The grant is intended to support a focused, feasible, and original research project with clear scientific value and practical relevance.

|                    |                                                                                   |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Grant amount       | Up to INR 1,00,000 for one selected project                                       |
| Number of awards   | One                                                                               |
| Project duration   | Up to 12 months from the date of the grant agreement                              |
| Research scope     | Chemistry and chemistry-led interdisciplinary research                            |
| Applicant type     | Institutionally affiliated Principal Investigator                                 |
| Application fee    | No application fee                                                                |
| Application status | The opening date, deadline, and result date will be announced on the MGRI website |
| Funding route      | Institutional bank account only                                                   |

### Important

The award is subject to scientific review, institutional verification, due diligence, execution of a formal grant agreement, and the availability of funds. Submission of an application does not guarantee selection or funding.

## Purpose of the Grant

- Support original research with a clearly defined problem, methodology, and measurable outcomes.
- Enable early-stage data generation, proof-of-concept work, validation studies, or focused project completion.
- Encourage research with scientific, industrial, environmental, educational, or societal relevance.
- Promote responsible research, collaboration, innovation, publication, patent development, and practical impact.

## Research Areas and Eligibility

Applications may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

|                                       |                                        |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Organic and Inorganic Chemistry       | Analytical and Physical Chemistry      |
| Polymer and Materials Chemistry       | Green and Sustainable Chemistry        |
| Electrochemistry and Energy Materials | Environmental Chemistry                |
| Nanomaterials and Advanced Materials  | Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry |
| Agricultural and Food Chemistry       | Recycling and Circular Materials       |
| Water Treatment and Purification      | Industrial and Computational Chemistry |

### Who may apply

- A Principal Investigator (PI) employed by, or formally affiliated with, an eligible university, college, research institute, or registered research organization in India.
- The host organization must be legally able to receive, administer, document, and account for the grant funds.
- The PI must have suitable qualifications, research experience, institutional support, and access to the facilities required to complete the proposed work.
- The proposal must have a significant chemistry component and must be submitted with institutional authorization.
- Co-investigators and collaborators may participate when their roles, expertise, and institutional affiliations are clearly stated.

### Not eligible

- Applications submitted only in an individual or personal capacity, without an eligible host organization.
- Projects that have already been completed before the application date.
- Duplicate funding for the same scope of work, unless fully disclosed and clearly separated.
- Proposals that lack institutional authorization, required approvals, or a feasible plan for completing the work.

#### Interdisciplinary proposals

Projects involving materials science, biotechnology, environmental science, energy, agriculture, food, healthcare, engineering, artificial intelligence, machine learning, or data science are welcome when chemistry is a central part of the research question and methodology.

## Application Information and Required Documents

The online application form should collect the following information from the PI and the host organization.

### A. Principal Investigator

- Full name, designation, department, institution, official email address, phone number, city, state, and country.
- Highest qualification, area of specialization, total research experience, ORCID iD, Google Scholar profile, and institutional profile link.
- A brief statement describing the PI's role, relevant expertise, and time commitment to the project.

### B. Research team and institution

- Names, roles, expertise, affiliations, and contact details of co-investigators and key team members.
- Legal name, address, website, organization type, registration or recognition details, and year established.
- Contact details of the authorized institutional representative and of the finance or grants office.
- Confirmation that the institution will receive and administer the grant and will provide the required facilities.

### C. Project information

- Project title, research area, keywords, summary, problem statement, research gap, objectives, novelty, methodology, timeline, expected outcomes, impact, risks, and deliverables.
- Available facilities, external testing needs, collaborators, regulatory requirements, and a detailed itemized budget.
- Current or pending support from any other funding source, together with a clear explanation of any overlap.

### Documents to upload

| Required document                         | Recommended format                                             |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Full research proposal                    | PDF, normally 5 to 8 pages, excluding references and annexures |
| Detailed budget and justification         | PDF, or a spreadsheet converted to PDF                         |
| PI curriculum vitae                       | PDF, preferably 2 to 4 pages                                   |
| Co-investigator CVs                       | PDF, where applicable                                          |
| Institutional endorsement letter          | Signed PDF on institutional letterhead                         |
| Registration or recognition proof         | PDF issued by the relevant authority                           |
| Ethics, safety, or regulatory approvals   | Available approvals, or a plan and timeline for obtaining them |
| Supporting quotations or facility letters | Optional, unless requested by MGRI                             |

## Recommended Proposal Format

|                                         |                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1. Title page</b>                    | Project title, PI and team details, host institution, project duration, and amount requested.                                    |
| <b>2. Executive summary</b>             | A maximum of 300 words describing the problem, the approach, the expected result, and its importance.                            |
| <b>3. Background and research gap</b>   | Current knowledge, unmet need, prior work, and the specific gap addressed.                                                       |
| <b>4. Objectives and novelty</b>        | Clear, measurable objectives and an explanation of what is new or distinctive.                                                   |
| <b>5. Methodology</b>                   | Materials, methods, experimental design, controls, analytical techniques, data analysis, quality assurance, and reproducibility. |
| <b>6. Work plan and timeline</b>        | Milestones, activities, responsible team members, and expected completion dates.                                                 |
| <b>7. Facilities and collaborations</b> | Available instruments, external facilities, collaborator roles, and access arrangements.                                         |
| <b>8. Expected outcomes and impact</b>  | Data, publications, patents, prototypes, processes, training, societal benefit, or other measurable deliverables.                |
| <b>9. Risk management</b>               | Key scientific, technical, safety, regulatory, or operational risks and the alternative approaches proposed.                     |
| <b>10. Budget and justification</b>     | Itemized costs linked directly to the proposed activities and deliverables.                                                      |
| <b>11. References</b>                   | Relevant and current scientific literature in a consistent citation format.                                                      |

### Patent-sensitive information

Applicants should avoid unnecessary public disclosure of patent-sensitive details before appropriate protection is considered. MGRI may share proposals with its staff and with external reviewers for evaluation, subject to reasonable confidentiality expectations and conflict-of-interest controls.

## Budget and Use of Funds

The requested amount must be reasonable, directly connected to the proposed work, and supported by a clear justification. MGRI may approve the full amount, approve a reduced amount, or request a revised budget.

### Normally eligible expenses

- Chemicals, reagents, laboratory consumables, glassware, and project-specific supplies.
- Sample preparation, testing, characterization, analytical services, and approved external facility charges.
- Minor laboratory accessories required specifically for the project.
- Project-specific software, data analysis, prototype development, or field sampling costs.
- Approved dissemination or publication costs, when explicitly included in the awarded budget.
- Other direct research expenses specifically approved by MGRI in writing.

### Normally not eligible unless specifically approved

- PI salary, personal honorarium, routine staff salary, or personal payments.
- Major equipment, construction, renovation, general office expenses, or institutional overhead.
- Personal computers, phones, vehicles, or expenses unrelated to the approved project.
- Costs incurred before the grant agreement and the official project start date.
- Unrelated travel, entertainment, debt repayment, or unapproved publication charges.

### Budget format

| Budget head                          | Amount (INR)            | Justification |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Chemicals and consumables            |                         |               |
| Testing and characterization         |                         |               |
| Minor accessories / prototype        |                         |               |
| Software / data / fieldwork          |                         |               |
| Dissemination or other approved cost |                         |               |
| Total requested                      | Maximum INR<br>1,00,000 |               |

#### Bank details

Do not submit personal or institutional bank information with the initial proposal unless the secure application system specifically requests it. Bank, tax, and payment documents will be collected securely from the selected institution only, during due diligence and grant agreement processing.

## Evaluation and Selection

Eligible proposals may be reviewed by MGRI and by independent subject experts. Applicants may be contacted for clarification, revised documents, an online presentation, or an interview before the final decision.

| Evaluation area                        | Weight | What reviewers will consider                                                                         |
|----------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Scientific merit and originality       | 30%    | Importance of the problem, the research gap, novelty, and contribution to knowledge.                 |
| Methodology and feasibility            | 25%    | Quality of design, methods, controls, timeline, facilities, risk plan, and likelihood of completion. |
| Expected impact and relevance          | 20%    | Potential scientific, industrial, environmental, educational, or societal value.                     |
| PI, team, and institutional capability | 15%    | Relevant expertise, track record, roles, facilities, and institutional support.                      |
| Budget suitability                     | 10%    | Value for money, necessity of costs, clarity, and alignment with project activities.                 |

### Selection process

- Administrative screening for completeness, eligibility, and required documents.
- Scientific and technical review against the published criteria.
- Clarification, presentation, interview, or revised budget, if requested.
- Institutional verification and due diligence for the proposed awardee.
- Final approval and written notification by MGRI.
- Execution of the grant agreement before any funds are released.

#### Decision notice

MGRI may decide not to make an award if no proposal meets the required standard, or if circumstances prevent the grant from proceeding. Review comments, rankings, and internal deliberations will not normally be disclosed, unless MGRI chooses to provide feedback.

## Award Conditions, Reporting, and Intellectual Property

The selected PI and host institution will be required to sign a formal grant agreement. The agreement will define the approved scope, budget, milestones, reporting schedule, payment process, ownership and use of results, confidentiality, acknowledgement, and close-out requirements.

### Core award conditions

- Funds will be transferred only to the approved institutional account and may be released in one or more installments linked to milestones.
- The grant must be used only for approved project expenses. Any material change to the budget, objectives, methodology, team, or timeline requires prior written approval.
- The PI must maintain scientific records, invoices, receipts, payment evidence, and any other documents needed to verify the use of funds.
- The PI and the institution must submit progress reports, a final technical report, an expenditure statement, and any utilization documentation requested by MGRI.
- Unused, unsupported, or improperly used funds may be withheld, adjusted, or recovered in accordance with the grant agreement.
- The institution remains responsible for laboratory safety, employment matters, regulatory compliance, and the conduct of its personnel.

### Publications, patents, and acknowledgement

- Publications, presentations, reports, patents, prototypes, and public communications arising from the project must acknowledge MGRI funding in the agreed form.
- Intellectual property ownership, inventorship, filing responsibility, costs, licensing, revenue sharing, and commercialization rights will be defined in the grant agreement before funding begins.
- MGRI may publish a non-confidential summary of the selected project and its outcomes, subject to appropriate permissions and the protection of sensitive information.

#### Suggested acknowledgement wording

*"This work was supported by the Madhu Global Research Institute (MGRI) Chemistry Research Grant 2026."*

### Project monitoring

| Stage              | Typical submission                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Project start      | Signed agreement, approved plan, institutional payment documents, and required approvals.                             |
| Progress milestone | Technical progress, utilisation certificate, results to date, challenges, and next steps.                             |
| Project close      | Final report, deliverables, data summary, expenditure statement, utilization documentation, outputs, and future plan. |

## Ethics, Safety, Data Protection, and Declarations

The PI and the host institution are responsible for obtaining and maintaining all approvals required for the proposed research before the relevant work begins. These may include institutional scientific review, ethics review, biosafety approval, animal ethics approval, environmental permission, field sampling permission, or other regulatory authorization.

### The application should identify whether the project involves

- Human participants, personal data, human biological samples, or clinical or biomedical research.
- Animals, biological agents, genetically modified organisms, controlled materials, or hazardous substances.
- Environmental release, field collection, protected locations, or permissions from third parties.
- Any safety, ethical, legal, security, or regulatory matter that may affect project approval or execution.

### Applicant declarations

- The information submitted is accurate and complete to the best of the applicant's knowledge.
- The proposal is original, and all contributors and sources have been appropriately identified.
- All current, pending, or overlapping funding has been fully disclosed.
- The host institution has authorized the submission and will administer the award if selected.
- All required approvals will be obtained before the relevant activities begin.
- The PI and the institution agree to provide the reports, financial evidence, and clarifications requested by MGRI.
- The applicant understands that submission does not guarantee selection, and that MGRI may modify, suspend, or cancel the call.

### Data and privacy notice

Application information will be collected for eligibility screening, scientific review, communication, due diligence, grant administration, monitoring, audit, and record-keeping. Information may be shared with MGRI personnel, authorized service providers, and external reviewers who need access for these purposes. MGRI will apply reasonable administrative and technical safeguards, and will retain records for as long as is necessary for the grant process, legal obligations, and legitimate organizational purposes. Applicants should not submit unnecessary sensitive personal information.

#### Consent

The online form should include a mandatory checkbox confirming that the applicant has read the grant guidelines and the privacy notice, and consents to the processing of the submitted information for grant evaluation and administration.

## Application Process and Final Checklist

### Application steps

|   |                                                                                                                   |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Review the complete grant guidelines and confirm eligibility.                                                     |
| 2 | Prepare the proposal, budget, CVs, institutional endorsement, and supporting documents.                           |
| 3 | Complete the online application form and upload all required PDF files.                                           |
| 4 | Submit before the published deadline and retain the application reference number.                                 |
| 5 | Respond promptly if MGRI requests clarification, a presentation, revised documents, or due-diligence information. |

### Before submitting, confirm that

- The proposal is complete, readable, and within the requested length.
- The objectives, methodology, timeline, outcomes, and budget are aligned.
- All required team and institutional details are accurate.
- The institutional endorsement letter is signed and on official letterhead.
- Any overlapping funding or conflict of interest has been disclosed.
- All uploaded files open correctly and contain no passwords or editing restrictions.
- The official email address and phone number are monitored for MGRI communications.

#### Contact

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