

Extramural Funders in India

1. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) – Extramural Grants

Provides multiple grant types including Investigator-Initiated (Small & Intermediate) and Centre for Advanced Research (CAR) programs targeted at researchers outside ICMR institutions. Current calls and guidelines are hosted on their official extramural portal.

[Indian Council of Medical Research](#)

epms.icmr.org.in

2. Department of Science & Technology (DST)

Supports research in life sciences and biotechnology through a variety of schemes (e.g., FIST, PURSE, INSPIRE fellowships). Website showcases ongoing calls and application portals.

<https://dst.gov.in/call-for-proposals>

3. Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)

Operating under DBT, BIRAC funds **high-risk, high-impact biotech innovations**, startups, and translational projects—relevant to medical/biotech R&D.

<https://www.birac.nic.in>

4. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

A large R&D organization running multiple labs and funding schemes, including projects in **life sciences and healthcare**. While not branded as "extramural", CSIR often opens calls for external collaborations and research grants.

<https://www.csirhrdg.res.in/Home/Index/1/Default/3283/63>

5. Department of Health Research (DHR)

DHR provides financial assistance to promote research in the field of medicine, public health and allied areas under its different schemes namely Human Resource Development for Health Research (HRD).

<https://schemes.dhr.gov.in>

6. Department of Biotechnology

eProMIS (Electronic Project Management Information System) is an initiative to enable applicants to submit competitive Research Grant Project Proposals under various R&D programs of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) round the year without waiting for specific call for proposals.

<https://dbtepromis.nic.in>

7. Anusandhan National Research Foundation

Extramural Research (EMR) funding scheme of SERB to academic institution, research laboratories and other R&D organizations to carry out basic research in all frontier areas of Science and Engineering is in limelight for more than four decades since from the inception of SERC. This scheme encourages emerging and eminent scientist in field of science and engineering for individual centric competitive mode of funding. Since the scheme provides core research support to the active researchers, the existing name Extramural Research (EMR) has been renamed as Core Research Grant (CRG).

<https://anrfonline.in/ANRF/emr?HomePage=New>