

CALL FOR INNOVATION PROJECTS

Institutional Translational Partnership Awards (iTPAs) are a Wellcome Innovations initiative to create a stronger link between science technology and innovation by supporting and encouraging further translation of research to health impact. Through this initiative, Wellcome is working in partnership with a small number of organizations and institutes to fund and support early translation. As part of this partnership MORU have developed an Innovation funding scheme.

We wish to welcome ideas, new translation projects or add-on translation components e.g evaluation of safety and toxicity, sensitivity and specificity assessment for the developed tools etc. to existing projects for participation in this program. The award schemes can include consultancy support for transitioning projects through translation pipeline toward practical solution for tropical medical problem e.g Intellectual property issue advisory, market survey or regulatory advisory support, project funding support as well as identifying potential key partners or external funding opportunities e.g. Innovator Awards, MRC, Innovate UK etc.

Accelerated iTPA: 1-3 projects will be awarded. The maximum total award is **£90K** for this round.

(If you wish, you can contact iTPA project management team to Share and Discuss Your Innovative Idea for drafting the proposal before submitting the application. Please contact narisa.ung@mahidol.ac.th for available schedule.

A. Overview

iTPA focus on the innovative projects with broader scope to ensure the pipeline of translational projects in collaboration between FTM and MORU for middle and long-term outcomes. Therefore, the participation is designed to encourage submission of innovative ideas. All ideas submitted will be discussed and advised for the next development stage. Support for the awarded project can vary between consultation support e.g market survey study, regulatory consultation, specific certification test e.g biocompatibility etc. through project funding of not more than £60K and/or seeking other funding opportunities e.g Innovator Award, and GHIT fund etc.

Benefits of the project registering in the iTPA portfolio are to receive support for preparing the project along the translation pipeline with the potential to receive/attract bigger funding scheme available for translate science to health IMPACT.

B. Eligibility

1. FTM researchers/students/FTM hospital staffs are eligible to submit project proposals and application to iTPA funding scheme. We would like to encourage researchers who never work in collaboration with MORU to find common research idea and enable the new collaboration initiative.
2. All Innovation ideas and projects are very welcome.
3. The proposed start date of the project should be 1st April 2020 and will be completed within 12 months.

C. Application process

Applicants can submit the application and project proposal to itpa@tropmedres.ac and copy Narisa Ungsakul (narisa.ung@mahidol.ac.th) at the Office of Research Services (ORS) by **15th Jan 2020 12:00 am EST.**

1. Accelerated Project Application Form (iTPA-ACC_F002.00)
2. Project proposal (not more than 8 pages)
 - Project title
 - A short summary of the Project (Maximum 250 words): It should contain a short background with innovative idea, objective(s), a brief description of methodology and expected outcomes/impact on society
 - Problem to address/ Background
 - Objective
 - Methodology (Experimental design and data analysis)
 - Expected outcomes and impacts
 - Project plan (Timeline, activities and milestones)
 - Budget (Pound)
3. Budget Sheet (Total budget and Quarterly Budget in Pound and Thai baht)
Applicants should have a meeting with iTPA for project review and support.

D. Reviewing Process

The application and research proposal will be thoroughly peer reviewed by external reviewers appointed by Faculty of Tropical Medicine-Partnership Oversight Committee (FTM-POC; see appendix). The evaluation and reviewing criteria will be based on 1) a novelty of idea 2) project outcome/impact and 3) project management. The result of the assessment will be submitted to the committee in FTM-POC meeting for evaluation and final selection of awarded projects.

E. Awarded Project Announcement

End of February 2020

F. Timelines and Deadlines

9 th December 2019	Call open
15 th January 2020	Deadline for proposal submission
January- February 2020	Evaluation and selection of awarded projects
End of February 2020	Announcement of awarded projects
1 st April 2020	Project start

For further information, please contact Narisa Ungsakul at ORS (narisa.ung@mahidol.ac.th).