

Division of Clinical Research and Training



St. John's Medical College and Research Institute

UG Research Mentorship Program

The Pais-Yusuf UG Grant 2025



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): Ver 13 Sep 2025

Q 1. Who will be the principal investigator of the project?

A. Your Faculty mentor will be the principal investigator of the project.

Q 2. Can I collaborate with other students and faculty?

A. Yes. You can have one more faculty co-investigator and two more student co-investigators in your project.

Q 3. Is it mandatory to have more than one faculty mentor or student co-investigators?

A. No. It is not mandatory. It is recommended and depends on the need of your project.

Q 4. Can my project involve more than one department?

A. Yes. You can have a collaborative project with one more department.

Q 5. Who is the sponsor of the UG Research Mentorship Program?

A. The Division of Clinical Research and Training of St. John's Research Institute is the sponsor of the program.

Q 6. What is the amount of the grant allotted for the UG Research Mentorship Program?

A. A maximum of Rs.25,000/- per project is allocated for the UG Research Mentorship Program and up to 20 grants will be allotted for 2025.

Q7. Are interns eligible to apply?

A. No, interns are not eligible, as the grant requires applicants to have at least 18 months remaining at St. John's from the date of approval to complete the project.

Q 8. To whom will the funds be allocated?

A. Fund will be allotted in the name of principal investigator, i.e., faculty mentor.

Q 9. Who can be a faculty mentor?

A: Only permanent faculty at St. John's can serve as mentors. If the mentor is a Senior Resident or adjunct faculty, they must submit a letter of undertaking confirming their presence in St. Johns for a minimum duration of 18 months from the date of approval until the project's completion.

Q 10. When will the grant amount be released?

A. Money will be reimbursed in two instalments in the faculty mentor's account.

- First instalment of up to 50% of the approved grant amount after submission of interim report and original bills.*
- Second instalment of remaining grant amount after submission of final report with the original bills.*

Q 11. Can I apply for the grant if I have already received money from any other source of funding?

A. Yes, you can apply even if you have received a grant from any other source for this or a similar project. All relevant information must be furnished in the application form.

Q 12. If the fund required for the project is less than Rs.25,000/-, can I get the balance amount as travelling allowance for presenting the paper in a relevant conference?

A. Yes. You can get the balance amount as travelling allowance for presenting the paper in a relevant conference against proof of abstract acceptance and related expenses.

Q.13. Can I apply for the grant if my expense is more than Rs.25,000/-?

A. Yes, this is based on a clear and strong justification. The decision of the committee will be final.

Q.14. Is ethics approval mandatory for eligibility for the grant?

A. Ethics approval is not mandatory at the time of submission; however, you need to submit the Ethics approval letter before the start of the project.

Q 15. Can I submit my proposal if I am unable to get signatures in-person from the faculty mentor and head of the department before submission due date because of their absence?

A. Yes. You can still submit the proposal with their digital signature. Alternatively, your faculty mentor can email us from their official email ID at DCRT-ugresearch@sjri.res.in with the following statement:

“I hereby state that I have reviewed the study proposal of “name of the student” “year of MBBS”. I request you to accept her/his proposal for submission.”

The email must contain signature of the faculty mentor having their name, designation and department.

Q 16. Can one student apply for more than one project?

A. Yes.

Q 17. What is the selection process?

A. The selection is in 2 steps:

Step 1:

1. Submission of the proposal within the set deadline.
2. The application submitted in the required format along with specified documents (kindly go through the instructions carefully).

Project proposals that are not compliant with the part 1 criteria will be excluded from any further evaluation.

Step 2: Project Presentation

During this phase, proposals will be evaluated based on content-related criteria (Relevance of the proposal, novelty and methodological approach and budget.)

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