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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**  
**(National AIDS Control Organization)**

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36, Janpath, New Delhi  
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**Circular**

**NACO-Research Fellowship Scheme**

NACO invites applications in prescribed format from young researchers to provide opportunity and incentive to pursue quality and need based research in HIV/AIDS in bio-medical/clinical, epidemiological, behavioral and social disciplines.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Age: Below 35 years as on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

Qualification: PG Students enrolled for full-time MD/MPhil/PhD degree program in relevant disciplines from any recognized Indian University/Institute.

**Selection Criteria**

The selection of the candidates for award of research fellowship will be done after technical evaluation of the research plan by the panel of subject experts. Applications received will be assessed based on the following parameters:

- Relevance to NACP III strategies.
- Innovation.
- Methodology and study design.
- Academic achievement of the candidate.

The decision of the 'NACO Technical Resource Group' on Research and Development, in this regard will be final. Requests for reconsideration will not be entertained.

**Components of Grant**

NACO Research Fellowship grant will be given to the respective Institution/Department in full for the awardees students. NACO will award up to 20 Fellowships per year for financial assistance. The maximum grant for each fellowship will be limited upto Rs 1.5 lakhs. The fellowship covers stipend (for 12 months @ Rs 10,000=Rs. 1,20,000) and contingent expenditure on transport/travel, stationery, preparation of report, consumables, printing etc (Rs. 30,000/-). Applicants getting stipend from any Institution/UGC/CSIR/other source are eligible for contingency only.

Financial support will not be provided for:

- Non-expendable articles such as equipment, vehicle, furniture etc.
- Foreign travel or other expenses for visit abroad.

### **Procedure to Submit a Proposal**

Applicants may submit the proposal in the prescribed format that can be downloaded from NACO website ([www.nacoonline.org](http://www.nacoonline.org)). The application form will include rationale, methodology, study location, time line and budget detail. In addition, Organization/Institute profile, Curriculum vitae of Principal Investigators/Guide and Co-Guide along with publications in the relevant field should also be enclosed.

NACO will consider applications received through proper channel only with a certificate on official letter-head duly recommended by the Guide/Supervisor and Head of the Department/Institute where the candidate proposes to work.

In case more than one application is submitted by a candidate, they will be automatically rejected.

The last date for the received of application is **28<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (Date Extended)**. Application form received beyond the last date will not be considered.

Application form with relevant documents (5 copies) should be submitted by registered mail at the following address:

Deputy Director General (M&E)  
National AIDS Control Organisation,  
9<sup>th</sup> Floor Chanderlok Building,  
36, Janpath, New Delhi-110001  
Tel: +91-11-23325337;  
E-mail: [naco.nrfs@gmail.com](mailto:naco.nrfs@gmail.com)

Please mention on the envelop “Application for NACO-Research Fellowship”.

Awardees of the grant will be informed by mail and the list will also be displayed on NACO website.

Details can also be obtained from the Research and Development Division, NACO.