

Concept-Proposal format

1. **Title of the proposed research project:** should be **concise** and yet sufficiently descriptive and informative. Title may include study design such as randomized controlled trial; an observational study; a case-control study etc.
2. **Rationale (up to 350 words):** Describe the current knowledge available on the subject area, critical gaps in knowledge, its relevance and application to local, national and international context and the research question which this project aims to address.
3. **Novelty/Innovation (up to 100 words):** Describe how the proposal challenges and seeks to shift the current research/knowledge/clinical practice paradigms etc. by utilizing novel theoretical concepts ,approaches or methodologies, instrumentation, or interventions etc. Also mention preliminary work done by the applicant if any.
4. **Project Description (up to 700 words):** Describe study setting, study design, sampling strategy, sample size, feasibility, expected outcomes, inter-department/inter-institutional collaborations if any, timelines, budget.
5. **Strength of PI:** Describe academic qualifications; nature of employment (permanent/ad-hoc); previous experience of handling research projects and the scientific contributions made from these grants; enumerate 10 recent publications (in Vancouver style).
6. **Institutional Support:** Mention the institutional support in terms of basic infrastructure, departments and laboratories with equipment required for the proposed research work, and whether Institute as a valid DSIR Certificate.