

Support for Early Career Researchers

To inspire the next generation of researchers and research leaders, PCHRD provides a variety of support for early career researchers ranging from participation in training and workshops abroad, paper/poster presentation to conferences abroad, and publication. Early career researchers are students/scholars who are graduate or postgraduate level up to 5 years post-PhD.

These opportunities will help the young researchers enhance their knowledge and skills to ensure that our health research system stays abreast with the advances in health research. The program also aims to attract new researchers and retain the excellent researchers by offering these opportunities as we expand the country's pool of researchers.

The Council recognizes the challenges of beginning researchers in pursuing a career in research. The program aims to support outstanding researchers who have been accepted by institutions abroad to participate in training/workshops, present research paper/poster in conferences and scientific meetings, and publish a paper in peer-reviewed journals. Consequently, providing an enabling environment for early career researchers as they start their career in health research.

Open to all funded and monitored scholars of DOST-PCHRD.

Qualification Requirements

1. Be a Filipino citizen
2. MS, PhD, or MD-PhD degree holder in a field relevant to health and biomedicine
3. Be in good health condition
4. Be endorsed by the sending institution
5. Be willing to render the required service obligation
6. Upon return, must be willing to be part of DOST's pool of technical review experts
7. Training activity, conference, or research paper must be aligned with National Unified Health Research Agenda (NUHRA) and Harmonized National Research and Development Agenda (HNRDA)

Entitlements

Training/Workshops

- Training or registration fee
- Subsistence allowance
- Pre-travel expenses
- One round-trip economy fare from residence to place of training/workshop (one-time only in the whole duration of the training/workshop)

*The support for training/workshops will offer allowances up to 750,000 pesos (subject to availability of funds)

Paper/poster presentation

- Registration fee
- Subsistence allowance
- Pre-travel expenses
- One round-trip economy fare from residence to place of training/workshop (one-time only in the whole duration of the training/workshop)

Publication

- Publication fees in a reputable & peer reviewed journal

*The support for publication will provide funding up to 1000 USD (subject to availability of funds)

Policies (DOST Internal Guidelines on Foreign Travel)

1. Paper presentation in scientific meetings may be allowed as part of the completion of a graduate degree (MS, PhD, MD-PhD).
2. For a paper or poster with multiple authors and resulting from a DOST-implemented or supported project, only one project personnel (Program Leader, Project Leader or Member of the Research Team) may present said paper/poster in a scientific meeting abroad.
3. In the event that the paper is already accepted for publication, the principal author shall be the presenter. If the presenter is other than the principal author, the former shall obtain the appropriate authorization from the principal author.
4. Multiple papers resulting from a project is encouraged. However, only one paper per project may be allowed for presentation in a scientific meeting abroad if funded by the agency.
5. The paper/poster presenter shall submit a travel report within 30 days upon return to the official station and shall be included as part of the year-end report of the project.
6. Travel funds to be used for the paper/poster presentation in a scientific meeting will only be based on the amount specified and approved in the project budget.

How to Apply

Applicants should send the following requirements to PCHRD:

For Training/Workshops

1. Letter of request addressed to the PCHRD Executive Director
2. Line-Item Budget
 - Include at least three (3) Airfare Canvasses
 - Subject to existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules, and procedures
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Endorsement letter from institution
5. Acceptance/invitation letter from institution/university abroad
6. Training/Workshops program details
7. Plan of Action after the activity

For Paper/poster presentation

1. Letter of request addressed to the PCHRD Executive Director
2. Line-Item Budget
 - Including at least three (3) Airfare Canvasses
 - Subject to existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules, and procedures
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Endorsement letter from institution
5. Letter from the organizing committee of the conference/scientific meetings where the research paper/poster is accepted for oral presentation
6. Abstract of the study
7. Copy of conference/scientific meeting program

For Publication

1. Letter of request addressed to the PCHRD Executive Director
2. Line-Item Budget (subject to existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules, and procedures)
3. Curriculum Vitae
4. Endorsement letter from institution
5. Proof that the journal article is accepted for publication
6. Copy of the article accepted for publication
7. Proof (Document) that the journal is not a predatory journal