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TO : Deans/Directors/Department Chairs/Faculty/REPS

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SUBJECT : Call for Proposals for Funding under the NIH Faculty/ REPS
Research Grant 2026

We are pleased to announce that the UP Manila National Institutes of Health (NIH) is now accepting research proposals for funding under the **NIH Faculty/ REPS Research Grant 2026**.

The grant is open to all UP Manila regular faculty and researchers. Non-regular faculty/ researchers, and/ or trainees (i.e. resident or fellow in-training) who wish to avail of the grant must conduct the study as a co-investigator and request a regular faculty/researcher from the same service/ department/ academic unit to assume the role of the principal investigator.

A research grant of up to **P500,000.00** each shall be given to deserving research projects to fund Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (**MOOE**). The proposals shall be evaluated based on relevance and scientific merit subject to appropriate ethical clearance.

The priority areas for research are based on the NUHRA 2023-2028, as follows:

- Disease Management
- Halal in Health
- Health Security, Emergency, and Disaster Risk Management
- Health Technology and Innovation
- Health of Vulnerable Populations
- Health Promotion
- Health Systems Strengthening Towards UHC
- Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- Mental Health
- Nutrition and Food Security
- Sexual and Reproductive Health

Research outputs from the successfully-funded projects should aim for publication in an ISI or peer-reviewed journal.

To apply for the grant, kindly submit electronic copies of the following requirements on or before **31 October 2025**, until 11:59 PM:

1. Word file and PDF of the full proposal (formatted according to the accompanying guideline), with a detailed Line-item Budget (MOOE only);
2. Endorsement letter signed by the unit head/ institute director, department chair, and dean of the academic unit;
3. Certificate of RGAO Registration (register your project at <http://rgao.upm.edu.ph/registration/>);
4. UPMREB/IACUC/IBBC Certificate of Approval/ Exemption from review, or Acknowledgment Letter with panel assignment as proof of acceptance of the protocol for review

Submissions should be sent via email to **Ms. Katrina P. Mañago** at src.nih.upm@up.edu.ph. For inquiries, you may send a message to the said email address, or call 8526-4349.

Proposals from investigators with outstanding obligations related to their previous NIH-funded research projects will not be accepted.

Thank you for your continued interest in health research and development.