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DR. HUSSAIN AL RAND RHINOLOGY RESEARCH GRANT – APPLICANT GUIDELINES (June 2025)

A. PURPOSE This research grant has been established in honor of Dr. Hussain Al Rand in recognition of his enduring contributions to the field of Rhinology and public health leadership across the region. The grant will be awarded at EROC 2026 in Dubai, one of the premier regional platforms for advancements in Otolaryngology. Its purpose is to support innovative and impactful Rhinology research, particularly those that explore novel treatment modalities, digital innovations, and educational technologies.

B. ELIGIBILITY

1. **Principal Investigator (PI).** The submitting author must be the PI and will assume full scientific and administrative responsibility.
2. **Global Scope.** Applicants may be based **anywhere worldwide**; joint, multicentre, and multidisciplinary collaborations are strongly encouraged.
3. **Career Stage.** Early-career investigators should include a senior mentor letter.
4. **Data.** Projects do not require preliminary data but should be grounded in a solid rationale with feasible execution.
5. **Conference Attendance.** Short-listed finalists must attend EROC 2026 (in-person) to present their proposals.

C. GRANT STRUCTURE & FUNDING

Item	Details
Total Award	USD 10,000 granted to one (1) winner only .
Disbursement	50 % at the public award announcement (EROC 2026) → 50 % upon approval of a 6-month progress report.
Project Duration	12 months (non-renewable).
Allowable Costs	Consumables, specialised equipment, validated software/licensing, research-assistant time ≤ 20 %, local travel for data collection, publication fees. <i>No PI salary support.</i>
Start Deadline	Project must commence within 90 days of award signing.

Milestone-based funding: Failure to submit the 6-month report within 30 days of its due date may result in withholding of the second tranche.

D. SPECIAL AI / TECHNOLOGY TRACK Projects that *clearly* integrate validated AI, machine-learning, or digital-health solutions will automatically be considered for an **additional USD 2,000** supplement.
Requirements:

- Provide algorithm-explainability summary.
- Outline data-privacy safeguards and ethical approvals.



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- Describe potential integration with existing health-information systems.
- Commit to data sharing (where legally/ethically permissible) to strengthen global Rhinology datasets.

E. APPLICATION FORMAT (ONE CONSOLIDATED PDF)

1. **Cover Page (1 page)** – Title, PI contact, institutional approvals.
2. **Research Proposal (≤ 2 pages)** – Background → Aims → Methods → Expected Impact. - May include **one** figure or table.
3. **Budget & Justification (≤ 1 page).**
4. **PI & Key Personnel CVs (≤ 2 pages each).**
5. **Letters of Support / Mentor Letter (if applicable).**
6. **Ethics / IRB documentation** (or proof of submission).

Formatting: 11-pt font, ≥ 0.5-inch margins. *Submission portal opens August 2025; deadline to be announced on the EROC website.*

F. EVALUATION & NOTIFICATION Proposals will be reviewed by an independent, multidisciplinary scientific committee using a transparent scoring rubric aligned with international best practices.

G. REPORTING & DISSEMINATION

- **6-Month Progress Report** (max 2 pages + budget update) → triggers second disbursement.
- **Final Report** within 3 months of project end → must outline results, expenditures, and plans for clinical translation and wider dissemination.
- **Presentation.** Awardee will present outcomes at the subsequent EROC meeting and is encouraged to publish in a peer-reviewed journal acknowledging the grant.
- Intellectual-property rights remain with investigators; organisers request a non-exclusive right to showcase project summaries for educational purposes.

H. KEY DATES Official dates (submission deadline, review period, and award ceremony) will be posted on the grant portal and widely circulated via EROC channels.

I. FAQ & SUPPORT A detailed FAQ, sample successful proposal, and contact information will be available on the grant portal.

