**OT-Malaysia Research Foundation Grant Award**

**Background**

Occupational therapy similar to other healthcare practices such as medicine, nursing and other allied health should practice based on evidence. Evidence-based practice requires combination of clinical expertise, clients need and best research evidence. To assist more research to be conducted in occupational therapy field in Malaysia, OT-Malaysia introduces a new award to support the notion.

**Aim**

The aim of this OT-Malaysia Research Foundation Grant Awards is to provide funding to support pilot projects or small-scale feasibility projects that can build and/or strengthen research capacity in occupational therapy. This award specifically supports contextually relevant and culturally sensitive projects that support the occupational needs of the local communities and individuals. Applications may address but not limited to the following aspects relevant to Malaysia context:

* Effectiveness of occupational therapy interventions
* Evidence-based practice and knowledge translation
* Sustainable community development and population based-occupational therapy interventions
* Technology and occupational therapy
* Occupational therapy professional issues

**Dates**

The application is open from 15th January each year. The deadline for the application is on 15th February of the respective year.

**Criteria**

The eligibility criteria of the applicants are as following:

* Individual with occupational therapy background.
* Open to all Malaysian occupational therapy trained individuals including undergraduate and postgraduate students, practitioners, and academics.
* Compulsory for the principal investigator / applicant to be a member of OT-Malaysia
* The study is to be conducted in Malaysia.
* The study should be of original ideas that have not received any funding from any other national or international organisations.
* The duration limit of the study is two years maximum.
* Each member of the study must supply a two-page CV together with the application.

Applications for the award will be assessed by a scientific committee within the OT-Malaysia executive members at least by two of the committees. The proposal will be evaluated for merit by at least two committee members that has no significant conflict of interest with the application, final selection will be discussed in the OT-Malaysia committee meeting. The evaluation will be analysed in terms of its benefit contribution to occupational therapy practice in Malaysia, sound methodology, and clear writing of the proposal. The award may be used for human resources support, equipment, supplies, participant compensation or technical assistance for an approved project. The decision on the application will be announced at the beginning of the next consecutive year via email. There can be more than one successful application at one time. Successful applicants will have their name and study project appeared in the OT-Malaysia webpage and may claim the successful amount after the announcement. The successful applicants need to attend the ceremonial award presentation during the Malaysia Occupational Therapy National Conference, conducted during the respective year.

Any product of the study (i.e. thesis, journal publication, conference, features in the media) must acknowledge the award and OT-Malaysia as funder. The researchers must supply the end product (compulsory: softcopy, optional: hardcopy) to OT-Malaysia at the end of the project.

Applicants must use the proposal template and form prepared by OT-Malaysia. The template and the form can be downloaded here. The application must submit the application together with the proposal to [research@ot-malaysia.my](mailto:research@ot-malaysia.my).

**Amount of the Award**

The maximum amount of the award is RM 1000.00 in cumulative.

**OT-Malaysia Research Foundation Grant Award Application Form**

*Any application received after the closing date will not be considered.*

*A 2-page curriculum vitae should be enclosed with the following application form.*

*The application should be sent via e-mail to* [*research@ot-malaysia.my*](mailto:research@ot-malaysia.my)

**Title of the Project:**

**Applicants’ detail:**

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| **Name** | **Role** | **Membership Number** | **Affiliation** |
|  | Principal investigator |  |  |
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**Executive summary of the project (will be published in the official website)** *-Maximum of 200 words-*

*Tips: Provide a summary of the project in language that a general audience can understand. Indicate why and to whom this work is relevant and important.*

**STRUCTURED PROPOSAL**

***Background and Rationale*** (200 words max.)

*Tips:* *Describe the specific objectives of the project.*

***Methodology*** (300 words max.)

*Tips: Clearly identify the proposed methods including study design, sample and sampling approach, data collection procedure, instruments use, analysis, as well as a description of the other external partners involved. For ethics, please provide a statement of the approval ready received or ethics board from which approval will be sought.*

***Expected outcome and impact on profession*** (200 words max.)

*Tips: Describe how this award will foster research capacity in continuing to advance occupational therapy practice in Malaysia*

***Gantt Chart***

*Tips: Detail out the milestone on each activity of the study project.*

***Detail budget proposal***

*Tips:* *Include a detailed budget including the amount requested, and a brief justification of each time, including (if applicable): a) Personal, b) Equipment (itemise), c) Consumables/materials (itemise), d) Other expenses (itemise).*

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| **GRAND TOTAL** | | |  |

*The following information is for the purpose of website only\**

**About OT-Malaysia Research Foundation Grant Award**

The award is introduced by OT-Malaysia to assist more research to be conducted in occupational therapy in Malaysia to support the evidence-based practice. This award provides funding to support pilot projects or small-scale feasibility projects that can build and/or strengthen research capacity in occupational therapy.

**Application Criteria**

It is open to all Malaysian occupational therapy trained individuals including undergraduate and postgraduate students, practitioners, and academics that is a member of OT-Malaysia. The maximum amount of the award is RM1000.00 in cumulative.

**Duration of Application**

The application is open from 15th January to 15th February of the respective year.

**Application Form**

The application form can be downloaded here

**Application Submission**

The application needs to be sent via email to [research@ot-malaysia.my](mailto:research@ot-malaysia.my)

**Outcome**

The application will be evaluated by panels appointed by OT-Malaysia committee and decision is final. No appeal can be considered.