

Temasek Foundation SMF Research Grant Programme 11th Grant Call

We are pleased to announce that **Temasek Foundation 11th SMF Research Grant** is now open for application. The grant call will be open from **1 Nov 2020 to 31 Jan 2021**.

1. Focus Areas

- a. TF Innovates funds innovative proposals in our themes of interest, Start, Live, Learn and Leave Well. Further information below:

Theme	Description
<p>Start Well</p> <p>Focusing on the early years is essential in starting well in life. By helping babies and by extension those around them, we envision that they can achieve their fullest potential regardless of circumstances, risks and vulnerabilities.</p>	<p>Examples of areas we are interested in (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Complementing and enhancing existing models of care with innovative technologies and tools (b) New innovations and interventions that can be integrated into existing practices (c) Solutions that can enhance outcomes of babies and/or parents <p>Topics could pertain to the concept of start well, such as food, nutrition, prenatal, nutrigenomics, cognitive development and beyond.</p>
<p>Learn Well</p> <p>As we shift to a knowledge based economy, learning well as a society can help to build individual and community resilience against adversities, and build a more inclusive society.</p>	<p>Examples of areas we are interested in (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Innovative tools to support children with learning difficulties (b) Innovative solutions and digital interventions to understand and enhance language acquisition and communication (c) Protocols and solutions that can inform policy and practice in areas of learning at home/outside school and impacts of digitalization on children <p>Topics could pertain to the concept of learn well, such as learning and pedagogy, learning difficulties, language and communication, informal education or enhancing social and emotional resilience and beyond.</p>

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<p>Live Well</p> <p>Good health, physical and mental well-being are keys to living well, with access to affordable healthcare and adequate food and nutrition. This helps to build a healthier and happier society.</p>	<p>Examples of areas we are interested in (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Solutions and studies in food and nutrition that can inform policies and practice (e.g. public health) (b) Clinical trials in the areas of wound care and alternative treatments that can make treatments accessible and adopted by healthcare (c) Innovations on improving mental health, and health and well-being outcomes <p>Topics could pertain to the concept of living well, such as food, nutrition, mental health, affordable healthcare and beyond.</p>
<p>Leave Well</p> <p>With a rapidly ageing population in Singapore, there is an increasing need to ensure that everyone can age well and be provided with good end of life care. These are the keys for leaving well.</p>	<p>Examples of areas we are interested in (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Innovative solutions on existing gaps faced by Social Service Agencies (SSA's) to address ageing related issues (b) Innovative models of care for supportive and palliative care in young and old (e.g. patients/generalist palliative care) and patients with dementia and their caregivers (c) Studies and novel solutions addressing frailty and mobility in a localized context, with implications to policy <p>Topics could pertain to the concept of leaving well, such as end of life, active ageing, frailty, mobility, palliative care, dementia and beyond.</p>

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. The SMF Research Grant Programme provides funding for applied, translational, and downstream research. The programme does not fund basic and early stage research efforts.
- b. The grant is open to any institution from **any local entity** (e.g. IHL, public and private sector, SSAs). Joint applications by two qualifying institutions are also allowed.
- c. **All investigators** (e.g. including early career investigators) are welcome to apply.

3. SELECTION CRITERIA

a. Proposals should consider the following elements:

i. Desirability

Project should address a critical and prevalent issue in Singapore, and fall in one of the themes above. It should also demonstrate that it is addressing a problem defined by a user group or user institution. It should also be an innovation or a solution that articulates a clear and compelling impact onto or beyond Singapore.

ii. Feasibility

Project should be technically and scientifically feasible and demonstrate unique value propositions. It should also be an innovation or a solution that can demonstrate pathways to transfer and translate findings into actionables to the community or industry.

iii. Viability

Project should have strong potential for expansion and further implementation beyond TF grant funding, through a partner receptacle, community partnerships, grants or others.

4. SUBMISSION AND FUNDING GUIDELINES

a. Proposals can seek funding for a duration **up to 3 years**, and **up to \$750,000** per project.

b. Proposals submitted should contain all relevant information required for a proper and complete evaluation. Temasek Foundation reserves the right to reject applications deemed incomplete.

c. Qualifying expenses which will be considered, but are not limited to, include the following:

Manpower	Costs of individuals supported by the grant (e.g. research assistants etc). PI/Co-PI salaries are funded by institutions and hence will not be supported
Equipment	Equipment and software directly required for the project. General purpose equipment (e.g. photocopiers, infrastructure) only if vital for project and subject to approval
Operating Expenditure	Operating costs directly related to the project (e.g. consumables, gear, rental of facilities, participant recruitment). Indirect costs (IRCs) for project subject to approval. IP related costs (patent application and filing, legal fees) will not be supported

- d. All applicants must comply with relevant ethics and regulatory approvals where required to carry out their project if successfully awarded.
- e. All proposals submitted must be endorsed by the Institutional director/representative prior to submission.
- f. Late submissions will not be considered.
- g. Once submitted, the application will go through a multi-stage shortlist and review process. As such, the outcome of the application will be known **end July 2021**.

5. REPORTING/ TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- a. All successful applicants and required to submit relevant progress and audit reports in relation to the project in regular intervals stipulated by Temasek Foundation. Final reports on achievement of completed projects need to be submitted within three months of project completion. All reporting formats and templates will be circulated upon successful award.
- b. The grant will be governed by set Terms and Conditions, which will be disclosed to applicants should the project be awarded.

6. CHANGES

- a. Please note that Temasek Foundation reserves the right to make changes to the above guidelines, funding conditions as and when it deems fit. If changes are made, this will be communicated to project teams accordingly.

7. APPLICATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

- a. Completed and signed application forms are to be sent to the following:

TF SMF Research Grant Mailbox
admin.smfgrant@temasekfoundation.org.sg

- b. For any enquiries, please contact admin.smfgrant@temasekfoundation.org.sg or Shruthi Kumar @ shruthi@temasekfoundation.org.sg

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