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TO : Deans/Directors
University Student Council

FROM : 
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Executive Director, NIH

SUBJECT : 1st CALL FOR STUDENT THESES / RESEARCH PROPOSALS
FOR FUNDING BY THE NIH STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT 2026

We are pleased to announce that the UP Manila National Institutes of Health (NIH) is now accepting first (1st) batch of applications for the **NIH Student Research Grant 2026**:

A. Eligibility:

- This grant is open to all UP Manila undergraduate and graduate students, including medical students, who will conduct their thesis or research.
- The student/s must conduct the study as a co-investigator/s and the faculty or thesis adviser must assume the role of the principal investigator.
- The Faculty/Thesis Adviser must be a holder of a plantilla item (part-time or full-time, temporary or permanent) within UP Manila.
- The Faculty/Thesis Adviser, Department Chair and Dean must endorse the application and submission of requirements. The faculty/thesis adviser shall be responsible for the proper financial disbursements and liquidation of funds of the grant.
- Each faculty/thesis adviser is eligible to a maximum of only two (2) projects for funding per year.

B. Maximum Grant Amount:

A research grant of up to P100,000.00 each shall be given to deserving research project to subsidize the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) only. Personnel Services and Capital Outlay are not allowed. Compensation for the professional services rendered by the principal and co-investigators is not allowed.

C. Requirements:

To apply for the grant, kindly submit electronic copies of the following requirements on or before **31 January 2026**, until 11:59 PM:

1. Word file and pdf of the Full Thesis/Research Proposal;
Note: The proposal should include Line-Item Budget (LIB) and Work Plan/Gantt chart of activities. All annexes (e.g. ICFs, interview questions, etc.) should be attached to the proposal and not be submitted as separate files.
2. Endorsement Letter addressed to Dr. Marissa M. Alejandria (NIH Executive Director); signed by the Thesis/Research Adviser, Department Chair, and College Dean;
3. Certificate of RGAO Registration (register at <http://rgao.upm.edu.ph/registration/>);
4. Certificate of Technical Review Approval from thesis review panel; and

5. UPMREB/IACUC/IBBC Certificate of Approval / Exemption from review, OR Acknowledgment Letter with panel assignment as proof of UPMREB's acceptance of the proposal.

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.

The proposals shall be evaluated based on relevance and scientific merit, subject to appropriate ethical clearance. Successful applicants are strongly encouraged to publish their results in reputable peer-reviewed journals, and are required to submit to NIH their manuscript in a publishable format ready for submission.

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