

## **OSSI RESEARCH PLAN STRUCTURE**

The Research plan document should contain information in the following format and should be uploaded at the end of the application.

### **Summary:**

A concise overview of the proposed research.

### **Background:**

A section that covers the problem's context, its significance, previous studies, and any preliminary work by the investigator.

### **Hypothesis:**

A succinct statement outlining the research question or premise.

### **Methods:**

Section describing data collection, analysis methods, and the research model. Specify the number of patients, experiments, or observations for hypothesis testing with power analysis.

### **Budget:**

Complete the budget worksheet in the application form, with a maximum grant request of ₹ 5 Lakhs. The final allotted grant will be at the discretion of the OSSI executive committee. Upon allocation of funds, initial 50% funds will be transferred after full IRB approval. Include a milestone description for the allocation of remaining funds.

### **References:**

List scientific references if relevant.

### **IRB Approval:**

Required for human studies, and animal care committee approval for animal research. Approval in principle is acceptable at the application stage, with documented IRB approval needed before funding.

### **Available Resources:**

Provide a list of equipment, facilities, personnel, and services involved in the project. Include funding sources for all investigators. Include letters of cooperation if applicable. Describe animal care facilities when used.

**Future Funding Plans:**

Discuss short-term (1-2 year) and long-term (5 year) career development plans in bariatric research, including continuation funding for this line of investigation.

**Curriculum Vitae:**

Submit a Curriculum Vitae for the Principal Investigator, Co-PI, and other co-investigators (if available) in one document. Upload the CV at the end of the application.

**Note:**

**Indirect Costs Policy:** OSSI research grant funds are for seed money only; no indirect costs are allowed. Distinguish between direct and indirect costs, with direct costs covering project-specific expenses and indirect costs representing institutional overhead charges.

**Submission Method:** Grants should be submitted via online. You'll receive confirmation of receipt within 24-48 hours; if not, contact OSSI for verification.