

National Tea Research Foundation (NTRF), jointly set up by Tea Board / Tea Industry and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provides financial support for Research Institutes and Universities for undertaking short term research projects (duration ranging from 1 to 4 years) on the following research areas:

- Value-added tea based nutraceuticals, pharmaceuticals and industrial chemicals from tea.
- Health effects of tea and Validation of wellness attributes of both Green and Black Tea through cohort studies, fundamental of mechanism and clinical trials.
- Physiology of plant nutrition, distribution of photosynthates and precursors of quality constituents.
- Tea Farm Mechanisation Technology.
- Tea specific input chain for Organic Tea production including pheromones to reduce pesticide load.
- Market analysis and trends.
- The breeding for abiotic and biotic stresses using molecular techniques of biotechnology.
- Optimal soil and water management including rehabilitating tea soils for replanting.
- Plant protection using nanotechnology.
- Ergonomics for improving efficiency.
- Impact of climate change.
- Tea phenomics.

Financial support for the projects would depend upon the nature and duration of the project. The Senior/Junior Research Fellows engaged for the projects would be paid fellowships @ Rs.16000/- and Rs. 18000/- P.M+HRA respectively.

All the projects submitted are scrutinised by a panel of experts specialised in the relevant field and selected after proper review and presentation by the Principal Investigator.

Institutions desirous of taking up research projects on the aforesaid areas may submit their expression of interest to The Secretary, NTRF, C/O Tea Board, 14, BTM Sarani, Kolkatta -700001, Email: ntrf.india@gmail.com

Please visit our website www.teaboard.gov.in for the proforma for application for research project for assistance from National Tea Research Foundation (NTRF).