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(Institution of National Importance under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India)

Dhanvantri Nagar, Puducherry-605 006.

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EDUCATION

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No.JIP/DME (57)/MERIT/2026
Dated: 27.08.2025

To
The Director/Principal/Dean of NMC Recognized Medical Colleges in India, Institutes of National Importance.

Sir,

We are happy to inform you that the Second 'Medical Education Research and Innovation Training Course (MERIT)' will be held from 26.10.2026 to 30.10.2026 as an **onsite face-to-face programme**.

In this regard, we would like to provide the following for your kind information:

1. Please circulate this among the Junior and Mid-level faculty members who are actively involved in Medical Education Unit (MEU) activities from your institution.
2. A course fee of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand only) per participant will be charged. The nominees are requested to remit the registration fees through **'SBI Collect'** **only after receiving the selection letter** from us.
3. **The registration fee once paid is not transferable & non-refundable in any case.**
4. Participants will bear the expenses for travel, boarding and lodging on their own. However, the organizers will assist in obtaining economy AC accommodation on twin sharing basis in the campus on payment basis on request. No TA/DA will be paid by JIPMER in this connection.
5. Attendance on all days and for all sessions is mandatory for the issue of course completion certificate. Sessions are usually from 8.00 AM to 1 PM and 2 PM to 4.30 PM. However, at times the sessions may extend beyond 4.30 PM.
6. The scanned copy of the nomination forms in the requisite proforma should be mailed to **nttcmerit@gmail.com on or before 18.09.2026.**
7. Selection will be based on a first-come-first-serve basis, as only limited registrations are possible.
8. The intimation of selection will be sent to the e-mail address of applicants with a copy marked to their forwarding authority. **Further communication in this regard will only be through e-mails. Hence, the nominees are requested to check their inbox regularly.**
9. Participants are requested to prepare their travel plan only after receiving the selection letter.
10. An early action in this matter is requested.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Dr. Z. Zayapragassarazan)

Encl.: Proforma

Department of Medical Education
(NTTC-*National Teacher Training Centre*)
JIPMER, Puducherry – 605 006.
Medical Education Research and Innovation Training (MERIT)
Onsite Face-to-Face Programme
(26.10.2026 to 30.10.2026)

Proforma to be filled by the applicant

Affix recent Passport Size Photo

1. Full Name (Block Letters): _____
2. Designation & Department: _____
3. Institution: _____
4. Institute Name: _____
5. Contact Number: _____
6. Email ID: _____
7. Qualifications: _____
8. Years of Teaching Experience: _____
9. Previous training in Medical Education or Research Methodology (if any):
   (e.g., NTTC, ACME, CME workshops, Research Methodology courses, etc.)

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10. Best three publications in Medical & Health Professions Education (if any):

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11. Participation in Research Projects (Completed/Ongoing):

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12. Do you require accommodation in JIPMER Guest House? Yes / No

Answer the following questions:

1. Describe an educational problem or challenge you have observed in your institution. How would you approach solving it? (not exceeding 150 words)

2. Outline a potential research idea in medical education you would like to work on. (not exceeding 300 words)

Format:

1. Potential title:
2. Problem to be addressed:
3. Tentative research questions:
4. Outline of methods including how data will be collected, from whom and expected outcome of the study:

3. Share an example where you used data or feedback to improve your teaching or assessment. (not exceeding 150 words)

4. Why do you want to join the MERIT program? (not exceeding 150 words)

5. How do you plan to use the skills gained from MERIT in your department/institution? (not exceeding 150 words)

Undertaking by the applicant

I, Dr._____, hereby certify that all information furnished in this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand and agree to the following:

1. MERIT will require 10 months of engagement, including project work. I hereby confirm my availability.
2. I will obtain my institutional approval and support (time, resources) to conduct an educational innovation research project.
3. If any information provided by me is found to be false, incomplete, or misleading at any stage, my candidature in the MERIT program will be cancelled without prior notice by the course organizers.
4. I will abide by all program requirements, timelines and professional standards expected of MERIT participants.
5. I will complete the assigned educational research and innovation project within the stipulated timeframe.

Signature of Applicant: _____
Name: _____
Date: _____

Forwarding by Head of Institution (Director/Principal)

I hereby endorse the application of Dr._____for the MERIT (Medical Education Research and Innovation Training) program. I confirm that our institution will provide the necessary support, including protected time, resources and encouragement, to enable the candidate's full participation and completion of the program.

Signature:_____

Name:_____

Institution Seal: _____

Date: _____

**** The soft copy of the proforma can be downloaded from the following link: https://l1nk.dev/fs5kwhp***

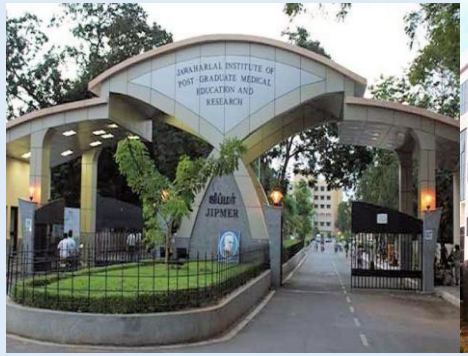
**** Please send a scanned copy of the signed application to nttcmerit@gmail.com on or before 18.09.2026.***

JAWAHARLAL INSTITUTE OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH (JIPMER) PUDUCHERRY -605006.

MEDICAL EDUCATION RESEARCH & INNOVATION TRAINING (MERIT)

A Capacity-Building Initiative for Transforming Health Professions Education

26.10.2026 to 30.10.2026



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Department of Medical Education

[*National Teacher Training Centre (NTTC)*] JIPMER

"Who dares to teach must never cease to learn." - John Cotton Dana

Background

The Union Territory of Puducherry, a former French colonial settlement along the Tamil Nadu coast, is renowned for its blend of French heritage, serene beaches, backwaters and spiritual ambience, making it a unique cultural and tourism destination. At the forefront of academic and healthcare excellence stands the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), an Institution of National Importance established in 1956, offering comprehensive medical education, advanced research, and high-quality specialty healthcare. The Department of Medical Education (DME) at JIPMER, which originated as India's first National Teacher Training Centre (NTTC) in 1975 with WHO support and became a full-fledged department in 1994, has been a pioneer in faculty development and innovative teaching practices. Continuing its legacy of leadership in health professions education, the DME now spearheads the Medical Education Research & Innovation Training (MERIT) initiative. This national- level program empowers faculty across disciplines to foster educational scholarship, research, and innovation, thereby reaffirming JIPMER's position as leader in medical education and academic excellence.

MERIT

As the DME marks its Golden Jubilee year, the first MERIT was launched in 2025 as a visionary initiative reflecting its continued commitment to quality education and faculty development in medical education. This initiative reinforces JIPMER's enduring commitment to academic excellence, faculty development, and leadership in medical education.

Medical Education Research & Innovation Training (MERIT) is a national-level capacity-building initiative to empower faculty to transform health professions' education. MERIT is a comprehensive and structured program promoting scholarly research and educational innovation across medical, nursing, AYUSH and allied health sciences through rigorous, relevant, and impactful research. MERIT will serve as a platform for:

- Fostering educational scholarship and networking
- Inter-professional collaboration
- Evidence-based teaching practices
- Advancing educational research competencies
- Supporting innovative, context-sensitive solutions
- Encouraging institutional and policy-level impact

Program Structure

Phase 1: Online Preparatory Phase
This preparatory online phase introduces participants to the basic concepts, principles and structure of the MERIT Programme through self-directed learning materials, interactive sessions and introductory activities. This will ensure readiness for the subsequent face-to-face training and later phases of MERIT.

Phase 2: 4-Day On-site Workshop
This five-day foundational course in Medical Education Research (MER) covers essential concepts and practical skills to initiate and conduct educational research. Participants will explore the scope, significance and evolution of MER; identify research gaps; and frame focused research questions using a structured format. The program introduces quantitative and qualitative study designs, ethical considerations and protocol development. Through hands-on sessions, participants will gain experience in data collection, basic analysis (using tools like SPSS, Excel, NVivo), and critical appraisal of published studies. The course culminates in protocol refinement, mock IRB review and action planning for implementation.

Phase 3: Online Mentorship Phase
In the third phase, participants will engage in an online mentorship program guided by experienced faculty. Each candidate will refine and implement their research proposals with ongoing mentor support during this period. At the end of six months, participants will present their progress in an online review session.

Phase 4: Research Exchange Forum
The final onsite presentation of completed research work will be held at the end of one year in the presence of the next batch of trainees and resource faculty, fostering a culture of scholarly continuity and peer learning.

Requirements for Certification
The course completion certificate will be awarded only upon successful completion of all 4 phases.

Who Can Apply?
Faculty from Medical Colleges, Nursing, AYUSH, Allied Health Sciences Institutions who have a keen interest and aptitude in medical and health profession education and innovation and who want to be an agent of change in their workplace.

Total intake: 15

Selection Process

Interested candidates may apply using the application format provided below through the proper channel. Research proposals aligned with national priorities (e.g., competency-based education, assessment reforms, faculty development, etc.) will be preferred in the selection process. The intimation of selection will be sent to the e-mail address of applicants with a copy marked to their forwarding authority. Further communication in this regard will only be through e-mails. Hence, the candidates are requested to check their inbox regularly.

Registration Fee
Candidates selected for the course will be required to pay a course fee of ₹15,000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) after receiving the selection letter. The fee includes refreshments, breakfast, and lunch during the on-site programme days. Please do not make any payment at the time of application.

In-campus Accommodation
Accommodation for candidates in the JIPMER Guest House can be arranged on a payment basis, depending on the availability of rooms.

Last date for applying: 18.09.2026

The word document of the application can be downloaded from: https://l1nk.dev/fs5kwhp

Please send a scanned copy of the duly filled-in application with signatures to nttcmerit@gmail.com on or before 18.09.2026.

Hotels in Puducherry
There are good number of hotels located within approximately 3 kilometres to the east of JIPMER, offering convenient accommodation options for visitors. For more choices and bookings, please visit hotel-booking websites.

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