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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE  
2026 DR RANJEET BHAGWAN SINGH (RBS) MEDICAL RESEARCH GRANT**

The late Dr Ranjeet Bhagwan Singh was a prominent medical research scientist who made invaluable contributions to the field of medical research and laboratory sciences in Malaysia. He was widely recognised for his philanthropic activities and contributions to society. In honour of his legacy, Dr Ranjeet Bhagwan Singh (RBS) Medical Research Trust Fund was established through funds bequeathed by Dr Ranjeet himself, to encourage and enhance research activities, particularly in the fields of medical and biomedical sciences. The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) serves as the custodian of the Fund, with the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) as the implementing agency for its programmes.

In this regard, MOSTI and ASM are pleased to invite young Malaysian scientists in the fields of medical or biomedical research from your institution to apply for the **2026 RBS Medical Research Grant** via the following link: <https://www.akademisains.gov.my/rbs-2026/>

This year, the RBS Medical Research Grant will be awarded to one (1) Malaysian young scientist, with a maximum grant amount of RM 50,000.00. The call for applications is open from **19 January 2026** and closes on **20 March 2026 at 11.59 PM**. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. For your reference, the Information Sheet on the 2026 RBS Medical Research Grant is attached.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in **circulating this invitation** to relevant divisions, agencies, organisations, or networks under your institution's purview or within your professional contacts. For further information and inquiries, you may contact us at [rbs@akademisains.gov.my](mailto:rbs@akademisains.gov.my) or call 03 6203 0633 ext. 131 / 125.

We look forward to receiving the applications from your institution. Your support and cooperation in this matter are highly appreciated.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Strategy Officer



## INFORMATION ON THE DR RANJEET BHAGWAN SINGH (RBS) MEDICAL RESEARCH GRANT 2026

### Background

The late Dr Ranjeet Bhagwan Singh was a prominent medical research scientist whose contributions significantly advanced the field of medical and scientific research, particularly in the development of diagnostic laboratories in Malaysia. In line with his vision, the Medical Research Endowment Fund was primarily established to promote education irrespective of race, colour and religion.

The **Ranjeet Bhagwan Singh (RBS) Medical Research Grant** is an annual programme under the RBS Medical Research Trust Fund. This grant is awarded to one (1) young Malaysian scientist to support pioneering medical or biomedical research.

### Scope of Grant

1. Funding request must not exceed **RM 50,000**.
2. Research proposals must align with the **field of medical research**.
3. The grant serves as **seed funding** to help researchers develop innovative ideas that can form the foundation for larger grant applications.
4. The project must be **conducted in Malaysia** and completed within a **24-month (2-year)** timeframe.
5. The grant must be used **exclusively for research materials**.
6. The grant **cannot** be used for:
  - Travel expenses,
  - Equipment purchases (e.g., personal computers, laptops, printers, servers, scanners, etc.),
  - Wages or allowances for temporary or contract personnel.
7. The grant will be **disbursed directly to the recipient's institution** by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI).

### Eligibility

1. Applicants must be a research scientist/ physician with the following criteria:
  - Must be a **Malaysian citizen** currently residing in Malaysia.
  - Must not exceed **40 years of age** at the time of application (as of 20 March 2026).
  - Must possess at least a **basic university degree** qualification.

### **Deadline of Application**

The application will be closed on **20 March 2026 at 11:59 PM**. Incomplete applications shall not be considered.

### **Contact Details**

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