As response to the Platinum jubilee scheme of short term research projects launched in December, 2013 was very good and gave very encouraging results, it has been decided to re-launch the short term research scheme for the year 2014-15 also. Accordingly, research proposals on the prescribed application (downloadable from our website: www.tbassnindia.org) with short term funding not exceeding Rs.50,000 each are invited. The topics on which research proposals are invited may be in line with interest of participants attending our Annual National Conference (NATCON). The subjects selected for NATCON 2014 being held at Mumbai from 5th to 7th February, 2015 (details of NATCON on: www.tbassnindia.org & WWW.NATCONMUMBAI.COM) are as follows:

1. Epidemiology of TB  
2. RNTCP, HIV-TB, MDR-TB, XDR-TB  
3. Pneumonia, COPD and Asthma  
4. TB Diagnostics  
5. Sleep-Disordered Breathing  
6. Public & Private Partnership for DOTS Implementation  
7. Tobacco & Lung Health  
8. Paediatric Tuberculosis  
9. Bird Flu (Avian Influenza)  
10. Surgery in Pulmonary Tuberculosis  
11. Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation (ACSM)  
12. Socio-behavioural studies in HIV and TB  
13. Lung Health  
14. TB & Diabetes  
15. Pulmonary rehabilitation  
16. Information Technology in Respiratory Diseases  
17. Indoor Air Pollution  
18. Air borne infection control

Postgraduate thesis will also qualify for financial assistance provided they are forwarded through Chief Guide.

The financial assistance would depend on the quality and viability of the research proposal and as per national needs.

It will be appreciated if you can kindly bring this to the notice of one and all, by giving wide publicity. You may kindly get it displayed in the Notice Board of your Medical College/Institution.

Kindly keep in mind that the proposal must be approved by the head of the department and then forwarded to the Tuberculosis Association of India.

For any further technical support or question, the applicant can communicate with Vice-Chairman (Publications & Research), Prof. V.K. Arora, e-mail: vijaykumar1945@gmail.com. However, submission of project proposals should be addressed to the Secretary General, TB Association of India, 3, Red Cross Road, New Delhi-110 001, e-mail: tbassnindia@yahoo.co.in.

Last date for submission of research proposals is 15th January, 2015. The researchers can forward or e-mail an advance copy of project by the last date. The final decision on grant of funds will be made only after favourable recommendations of the Department/State Association.