

Donate-to-ANRF and Back Indian Research

Frequently Asked Questions

About donating:

1. Who can contribute through this portal?

Both individuals and organizations can contribute to ANRF.

Indian citizens, residents, Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) cardholders can contribute. If you are outside India and not an OCI cardholder, please write to support-donate@anrf.gov.in to make a contribution.

Any entity (e.g., corporations, philanthropic organizations & foundations, CSR and Family offices) incorporated in India can contribute. If your organization is outside India, please write to support-donate@anrf.gov.in to make a contribution.

2. Can I choose where my contribution goes?

Yes. You can choose one of ANRF's active program as listed on the Donations page. These may range from early-career grants, research fellowships to national mission-mode programs.

You can also select "Any program", and ANRF will allocate your contribution at its discretion.

3. What happens if the program I chose is closed?

If a program is closed, concluded or discontinued, ANRF may apply your contribution to another program.

4. Do I receive anything in return for my contribution?

No. A contribution is a voluntary donation.

5. What is the minimum and maximum amount?

The minimum amount for donation is ₹100. There is no upper limit on the amount that may be donated.

Please note that there may be limits set by your bank, card issuer or UPI service provider. For larger amounts, net banking is usually more reliable.

6. Can I contribute anonymously?

Yes; however you will need to provide your details as required by ANRF. If you choose to be anonymous, your name will not appear in any public acknowledgement of donors. ANRF will still keep your details to issue the receipt and to meet legal requirements.

7. Can I contribute more than once?

Yes. Each contribution is a separate transaction and gets its own receipt. You will be able to track all your contributions to ANRF.

Payment:

8. Which payment methods are accepted?

Debit and credit cards, net banking and UPI, through ICICI Bank's secure payment gateway.

9. Is it safe to pay on this portal?

Yes. Once you enter your card, UPI or net banking details on the ICICI Bank's secure payment gateway page; all traffic is encrypted over HTTPS.

10. Money was deducted from my account, but the payment failed. What should I do?

Please wait 72 hours before trying again. If any amount was debited from your account, please contact your bank immediately.

11. When is my contribution considered received?

Only when the payment gateway confirms the payment.

12. Can I cancel my contribution or get a refund?

No. Contributions cannot be cancelled or refunded once processed.

Receipt and tax:**13. How do I get my receipt?**

You can download your receipt (PDF) from the portal as soon as your payment is confirmed, and a copy is also sent to the email address you entered. Please save it straight away. For another copy, write to support-donate@anrf.gov.in with your transaction reference.

14. Is my contribution eligible for a tax deduction?

Contributions to ANRF qualify for a deduction under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961: 50% of the donation can be deducted from your taxable income, subject to the conditions of the Act. ANRF's 80G registration number is AAAJA3191J. Please consult your tax adviser; nothing on this portal is tax advice.

15. Why is PAN mandatory?

Your PAN is needed to issue the receipt for your 80G claim and to meet statutory reporting requirements.

16. I entered the wrong PAN or name. What should I do?

The receipt is issued on the details you enter, and an incorrect PAN may prevent a deduction from being claimed. Please check your details on the review screen before paying. If there is a mistake, write to support-donate@anrf.gov.in with your transaction reference.

Privacy and data:**17. What personal information do you collect?**

Your name, address, phone number, email address and PAN, plus your OCI card number if you are an OCI cardholder. We also record the program you selected and the amount of contribution made. We do not collect any payment details such as credit card, UPI, CVV or OTP details.

18. How is my information protected?

All traffic is encrypted. Your PAN and other sensitive details are stored encrypted. Access is restricted to authorised staff. Data is hosted in India.

19. Do you share my information with anyone?

Your personal information (identified under response to the question above), is shared with the payment gateway and bank (to process the payment), tax and regulatory authorities (as the law requires), and auditors (under obligations of confidentiality). We never sell your data or use it for advertising.

Help:**20. Where do I find my transaction reference?**

It appears on screen after payment and on your receipt.

21. Whom do I contact for questions?

Write to support-donate@anrf.gov.in. Please include your transaction reference if you have one.