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The WHO Task Force on Methods for the Natural Regulation of Fertility promotes and supports biomedical research on existing and new approaches to human fertility regulation by natural means. The current research activities of the Task Force include: the study of the determinants and mechanisms that maintain amenorrhoea, and consequent infertility, induced by lactation; the development of simple, inexpensive techniques for identifying the fertile period during the menstrual cycle, lactation and the premenopause; and the assessment of methods of fertility control that do not require the use of drugs or devices.

In order to promote research into these areas, the Task Force invites interested scientists to submit research proposals identifying the specific area(s) they wish to investigate. Proposals should be brief (not more than a few pages) and should include a provisional budget. Scientists whose proposed project is considered appropriate, will receive guidelines for making a formal application for funding. All proposals will be dealt with confidentially, and grants are not likely to exceed US\$20,000 for one year in the first instance. Proposals from scientists in developing countries are especially welcome.

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