



Children's
RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

Expression of Interest
Empanelment of Chartered Accountants for
Audits and Attestation Services

Children's Research University, Gandhinagar invites Expression of Interest from eligible chartered Accountant Firms for various audits and attestation services at **Children's Research University** campus Gandhinagar. For details and documents, visit our website www.cugujarat.ac.in. The last date of submission of Expression of Interest is 13/11/2025.

Date:14/10/2025
Place: Gandhinagar

Registrar (I/c)
Children's Research University



INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) **(Empanelment of Chartered Accountants)**

EOI Date: 14/10/2025

Due Date: 13/11/2025

To submit on or before: 18:00 hours (6:00pm) on Date:13/11/2025

Dear Sir/Madam:

Children's Research University, Gandhinagar is inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) in the enclosed format from experienced Chartered Accountant Firms for **Empanelment of Chartered Accountants for various audits and attestation services** for the University at Gandhinagar. Your EOI could form the basis for a contract between your firm and Children's Research University, Gandhinagar. The contract will cover the audit of the financial statements for the year April 2025 to March 2026, April 2026 to March 2027 and April 2027 to March 2028. However, the University reserves the right to allot the contract for only one financial year also.

The objective of inviting EOI is to **Empanel Chartered Accountants for various audits and attestation services** through a wider reach and by a transparent process providing equal opportunity. Interested firms may please complete the enclosed Covering Note, EOI-Capability Statement - Annexure-1 and financial bid -Annexure-3 send the same to the following address:

The Registrar,

Children's Research University,
Near Jalaram Temple, Opp. Public Garden,
Sector - 29, Gandhinagar - Gujarat
Pin : 382030

INSTRUCTIONS:

- The scope of the Statutory/Internal Audit will be as per Annexure-2
- Audit Fees inclusive of all expenditure shall be as per the The Financial Bid(Annexure-3). The financial bid shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope.
- The University reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in response to this invitation in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the University.
- This invitation contains no contractual offer of any kind. Any proposal submitted will be regarded as an expression of interest by the proposer and not an acceptance by the proposer of any offer by the University. No contractual relationship will exist except pursuant to a written letter of award signed by the Registrar, Children's Research University, Gandhinagar and the proposer.
- The University reserves the right to modify or exclude any consideration, information or requirement contained in this invitation and to add new considerations, information or requirements at any stage including negotiations with proposers, at any time before any letter is awarded for the audit services outlined in this invitation.



- University may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of EOIs. The extension of the deadline may accompany a modification of the invitation documents prepared by the University at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective proposer. Proposers must provide all requisite information under the EOI and clearly and concisely respond to all points.
- Time schedule for EOI process:

Publishing of EOI document	14/10/2025
Last date of submission of EOI document	13/11/2025

- Financial bid opening will be intimated to short listed CA Firms who are technically qualified.

Note: The Participants are requested to sign on all the pages of this Expression of Interest. The Technical bid & the financial bid should be sealed by the bidder in separate covers duly subscribed & both these sealed covers are to be put in a bigger cover which should also be sealed & duly super scribed as "Empanelment of Chartered Accountants for Audit and Attestation Services".

ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

- The EOI and capability will be assessed against evidence of skills and experience in providing audit services in Gandhinagar.
- The minimum eligibility requirements are –
 - Professional Standing of the CA firm: Minimum 15 years (as on 31st March 2025)
 - Minimum number of Partners: 02 (At least 1 partner shall be FCA and of which at least one partner must have standing of more than 15 years. In case more than 3 partners minimum 2 partners should be FCA)
 - Office location: In Gandhinagar or Ahmedabad (Mandatory)
 - Average Gross fees from audit and attestation Services of the CA firm during FY 2025-26, FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 :**Rs.20 lacs**
- The EOI should be sent along with a Capability Statement including a profile of the organisation relevant technical and geographical coverage along with the financial turnover for the last three (3) financial years. A format for the capability statement is attached. Individual CVs are not required at this stage. Any EOI with inadequate information, those which do not meet the above criteria, or those received after the closing date will not be short listed. EOIs should be as concise and focused as possible to give evidence of the above requirements including the capability statement and organisation profiles.
- In the interests of equity of treatment, EOI will be processed strictly as per prescribed formats enclosed. Non-adherence to the formats shall lead to rejection of such EOIs. Further correspondence in respect of non-standard EOIs will not be entertained.



- EOI - Annexure-1 along with Annexure -3 (Financial Bid) shall reach us on or before Date : 13/11/2025 and 3:00 pm in a sealed cover duly super-scribed with our "EOI for Appointment of Statutory/Internal Auditors" and "DUE DATE". EOI will be opened on the next working day at 15.00 Hrs. (IST). Responses received after due date and time shall not be accepted and no further correspondence on such responses shall be entertained. Children's University, Gandhinagar will not be responsible for any loss or delay in receipt of EOI in post.
- LATE EOI SHALL NOT BE ENTERTAINED AND SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED.
- It is expected that the audit will be undertaken in accordance with the Statutory Audit Standards issued by the ICAI to the extent they are applicable to the given scope.
- Respondents, if desire, may participate in EOI opening after producing authorization/identity proof.
- EOI submitted should be free from correction, over-writing, erasures etc., and each page should be suitably numbered.
- Authorized Signatory should sign the EOI submitted indicating the name and designation with official seal. Unsigned EOI are liable to be ignored by Children's Research University, Gandhinagar.
- Audit has to be conducted at Quarterly intervals at Children's Research University, Gandhinagar. One senior qualified staff along with support staff has to be compulsory be at the Premises of Children's Research University, Gandhinagar to conduct the Audit. In No case the Books, Vouchers, and any other documents be carried outside the premises of Children's Research University, Gandhinagar except for the working papers of the Auditor.
- Canvassing by respondents in any form, including unsolicited letters on EOI submitted or post corrections shall render their EOI submitted liable for summary rejection.
- The costs of preparing an EOI proposal and of negotiating a contract are not reimbursable by Children's Research University, Gandhinagar.
- The senior partner or Senior Audit partner has to be present periodically at the Children's University, Gandhinagar office for finalizing the audit and has to hold periodic meetings with Vice Chancellor, Registrar and Chief Accounts Officer, for which no expenses shall be borne by the University. He/she shall also have to attend Council/Finance Committee Meeting of the Children's Research University Gandhinagar, if required.
- Children's Research University, Gandhinagar looks forward to receiving your EOI and thanks you in advance for your interest.

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Annexure-1

Format for Submission of Expression of Interest for short-listing Chartered Accountant Firms for empanelment at Children's Research University, Gandhinagar

Name of the Firm Firm's registration number with ICAI	
Number of Partners (Enclose copy of constitution certificate issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India as of 31st March 2025 or as on date)	
(A) Number of Qualified Employees: (Chartered Accountant Employees) (B) Number of Article Assistant: (C) Number of Other Employees:	(A) (B) (C)
Date of Formation (As per constitution certificate issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India)	
Full Postal Address of Offices /Branch Offices. (This may be given on a separate sheet of paper attached)	
Name of contact person along with landline and mobile numbers and Email ID	
Permanent Account Number (PAN) with a copy of PAN card	
GST Registration Number and copy of GST returns for FY 2024-25	
Particulars of experience of Statutory/Internal Audit in government sector <u>excluding bank audits</u> and particularly in education or government grants assisted sectors	
Gross Fees of the firm for last three financial years (FY 22-23, FY 23-24 and FY 24-25) with self-attested copy of financial statements and income tax returns of the firm for these periods	
Whether there are any court/arbitration/any other legal case against the firm? (If yes, give a brief note of the case indicating its present status)	

Profile of the firm is *attached/not attached * Strike off what is inapplicable

Seal of the Firm:	Signature: Name: Designation:
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Annexure-2

Scope of Work

1. Statutory Audit to cover the areas ensuring that,

- Transactions are recorded as per principles of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and are booked to proper accounting heads
- Utilization of funds is in accordance with financing agreements or Conditions of Grant.
- Goods and services financed have been procured in accordance with the relevant procurement guidelines issued by the University or applicable government policies as applicable.
- To check all statutory records registers including Minute Books and to see that accounting effects of all the decisions taken at Council and Committee Meetings are given in the Books of Account to the extent applicable.
- Goods and services have been procured in compliance with the financing agreement.
- Transactions are duly supported by proper supporting documents.
- Checking the maintenance of books of accounts and records.
- Checking the bank reconciliation statements.
- Checking of component wise, category-wise and account head wise expenditures.
- Checking of investments, short term deposit etc. made from time to time.
- Checking of various taxes/statutory compliance.
- Verification of fixed deposit register and checking of interest received.
- To give executive summary incorporating all points/matters; which are of very important in nature.
- To ensure that the expenditure out of Grants is being made in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in the Grant Sanction Letter and Grant Agreement.
- To check the contracts entered into by the University with outside vendors for construction/acquisition of Fixed Assets.
- To examine the purchase orders placed by the University with outside parties for purchase of assets.
- To see that every voucher for payment for Capital Expenditure is properly generated, checked, crosschecked, approved and duly recommended for payment by competent officials of the University.
- To check the invoices and receipts obtained from the suppliers to ensure that the payment is being properly made.
- To examine the documents pertaining to the acquisition and ownership of fixed assets.
- Physical examination of Capital assets purchased/created along with related documentation.



- To examine the validity of the transactions by refereeing to related documentary evidence which may exist in any of the following forms:
- Legal provisions having a bearing on the accounts of the University.
- The rules and regulations governing the internal working of the University
- Minutes of Proceedings of the meetings of various committees formed by the University
- Copy of agreements with the concerned parties.
- To ensure that internal control procedure as and if laid down by the University has been followed.
- To review and help the management in implementing proper accounting procedures, internal control and computerized systems. Review of Accounts.
- Check all recorded entries comply with accounting standard.
- System Improvement
- The selected Auditor(s) will report and suggest improvements in existing procedures.
- The Chartered Accountant firm so appointed would be required to give: -
- Audit Certificates and issue any other certificate as may be required by the Institute from time to time without any additional fee to be paid by the Institute.
- Statements in annual report that describes the work of Children's Research University, Gandhinagar. The responsibilities of the audit also include reporting on the adequacy of statements.
- The selected Auditor(s) will liaise with the Management for the periodical meetings to review the progress of the work and to ensure requirement be fully met.
- The Chartered Accountant firm so appointed would be required to look into the compliance of previous audit objections raised (if any) and have to verify or comment on the supporting documents/ vouchers submitted at later stage, to settle the audit qualifications in the Statutory Audit report of this assignment.
- To suggest the measures for cost control and to increase the revenue of Children's University, Gandhinagar.
- After finalization of Audit, the Statutory Auditors shall submit Audit Report to the Children's Research University, Gandhinagar within the stipulated time period. In applicable format along with a comparative statement of Actual Expense with Budgeted Expense.



2. Internal Audit to cover the areas ensuring that,

- Transactions are recorded as per principles of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and are booked to proper accounting heads
- Utilization of funds is in accordance with financing agreements or Conditions of Grant.
- Goods and services financed have been procured in accordance with the relevant procurement guidelines issued by the University or applicable government policies as applicable.
- To check all statutory records registers including Minute Books and to see that accounting effects of all the decisions taken at Council and Committee Meetings are given in the Books of Account to the extent applicable.
- Goods and services have been procured in compliance with the financing agreement.
- Transactions are duly supported by proper supporting documents.
- Checking the maintenance of books of accounts and records.
- Checking the bank reconciliation statements.
- Checking of component wise, category-wise and account head wise expenditures.
- Checking of investments, short term deposit etc. made from time to time.
- Checking of various taxes/statutory compliance.
- Verification of fixed deposit register and checking of interest received.
- To give executive summary incorporating all points/matters; which are of very important in nature.
- To ensure that the expenditure out of Grants is being made in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated in the Grant Sanction Letter and Grant Agreement.
- To check the contracts entered into by the University with outside vendors for construction/acquisition of Fixed Assets.
- To examine the purchase orders placed by the University with outside parties for purchase of assets.
- To see that every voucher for payment for Capital Expenditure is properly generated, checked, crosschecked, approved and duly recommended for payment by competent officials of the University.
- To check the invoices and receipts obtained from the suppliers to ensure that the payment is being properly made.
- To examine the documents pertaining to the acquisition and ownership of fixed assets.
- Physical examination of Capital assets purchased/created along with related documentation.



- To examine the validity of the transactions by refereeing to related documentary evidence which may exist in any of the following forms:
- Legal provisions having a bearing on the accounts of the University.
- The rules and regulations governing the internal working of the University
- Minutes of Proceedings of the meetings of various committees formed by the University
- Copy of agreements with the concerned parties.
- To ensure that internal control procedure as and if laid down by the University has been followed.
- To review and help the management in implementing proper accounting procedures, internal control and computerized systems. Review of Accounts.
- Check all recorded entries comply with accounting standard.
- System Improvement
- The selected Auditor(s) will report and suggest improvements in existing procedures.
- The Chartered Accountant firm so appointed would be required to give: -
- Audit Certificates and issue any other certificate as may be required by the Institute from time to time without any additional fee to be paid by the Institute.
- Statements in annual report that describes the work of Children's University, Gandhinagar. The responsibilities of the audit also include reporting on the adequacy of statements.
- The selected Auditor(s) will liaise with the Management for the periodical meetings to review the progress of the work and to ensure requirement be fully met.
- The Chartered Accountant firm so appointed would be required to look into the compliance of previous audit objections raised (if any) and have to verify or comment on the supporting documents/ vouchers submitted at later stage, to settle the audit qualifications in the Statutory Audit report of this assignment.
- To suggest the measures for cost control and to increase the revenue of Children's Research University, Gandhinagar.
- After finalization of Audit, the Internal Auditors shall submit Audit Report to the Children's University, Gandhinagar within the stipulated time period on quarterly basis. In applicable format along with a comparative statement of Actual Expense with Budgeted Expense.



Financial Bid

(On Firm's Letter Head)

(To be kept in a separate envelope sealed properly while sending the proposal)

To
The Registrar,
Children Research University,
Gandhinagar

Subject: Empanelment of Chartered Accountants for various audits & attestation services.

Price bid (all inclusive) shall be quoted in Indian Rupees for the entire scope of work covered under the Terms of the EOI on a Firm price basis (With no. escalation provision for whatever reason) valid till the complete execution of the assignment for the financial year April 2025 to March 2026, April 2026 to March 2027 and April 2027 to March 2028.

1. **Statutory Audit:** All –inclusive Lump sum fee (including TA/DA, and other out of pocket expenses/contingencies etc.)

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Amount Rs. (in figure)			
In words			

2. **Internal Audit:** All –inclusive Lump sum fee (including TA/DA, and other out of pocket expenses/contingencies etc.)

	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Amount Rs. (in figure)			
In words			

Note:

- (1) Taxes if applicable shall be paid as per Existing Law and regulations.
- (2) The above quoted Lump sum fee shall be inclusive of all expenses.
- (3) The firm shall raise its Invoice as per payment terms enumerated in the EOI.

I have read and understood all terms and conditions and implications thereon of the document.

Signature & Seal of Bidder



Undertaking

(Notarized on stamp paper of worth Rs. 300/-)

We, _____ (name of firm), Chartered Accountants do hereby verify and declare.....

- A. That the particulars given above are complete and correct and that if any of the statements made or the information so furnished in the application form is later found not correct or false or there has been suppression of material information, the firm would not only stand disqualified from allotment but would be liable for disciplinary action under the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949 and the regulations framed there under;
- B. That firm or partners has not been debarred or cautioned by ICAI during the last five years, if yes give details;
- C. That the constitution of the firm as on 31st March, 2025 shown in the Expression of Interest is same as that in the constitution certificate issued by the ICAI.

Seal of the Firm:	Signature:
	Name:
	Designation:

