



# THE INTERNATIONAL MERIT BOX PROJECT

## Collection & Grant Application Information 2016

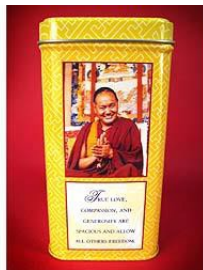
Dear International Merit Box Practitioners and Coordinators,

We rejoice that you have joined our International community of practitioners dedicated to bringing generosity into daily life, while supporting FPMT's worldwide projects.

You may make a donation to the International Merit Box Project at any time, and you may donate online by using the [Virtual Merit Box](#). You may also wish to establish an automatic [monthly recurring donation](#). We have established a formal collection period later in the year in order to coordinate the worldwide efforts.

On December 5, 2015, Lama Tsongkhapa Day, we will begin formal collection of 2016 International Merit Box donations.

From November 30, 2015 through March 31, 2016, individual practitioners who have donated using their Merit Box over the course of the year are asked to do the following:



1. Open your Merit Box
2. Practice the visualization
3. Count the total amount you have donated this year.

After you have totaled your donations, your total 2015 donation may be sent to FPMT International Office in one of the following ways:

1. Your center's Merit Box Coordinator can receive your donation and your donation will be submitted along with other center members' donations for the year;
2. You may make a secure online donation of the total amount by credit card at <https://my.fpmt.org/donate/meritboxproject> if the total is \$500 or below;
3. You may send a wire transfer of your total donation to FPMT International Office (*recommended for donations above US\$500 due to transfer fees*). Please contact [meritbox@fpmt.org](mailto:meritbox@fpmt.org) for account information.
4. Finally, you may send a check in US Dollars or an international bank draft payable to FPMT Inc., with Merit Box in the memo line, to the following address:

The International Merit Box Project  
FPMT, Inc.  
1632 SE 11th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97214-4702  
USA

**Please do not send in your Merit Box or place cash or coins in the mail. You will want to retain the Merit Box for future use. Coordinators may also use the same methods outlined above for submitting their Centers' donations.**

Donations for 2016 grants will be accepted until March 31, 2016. Donations received after March 31<sup>st</sup> are welcome and will be honored as part of the 2017 cycle.

Applications for 2016 International Merit Box grants are also due on March 31, 2016. For an application, email [meritbox@fpmt.org](mailto:meritbox@fpmt.org).

Questions about collections or applying for 2016 Merit Box funding? Please contact [meritbox@fpmt.org](mailto:meritbox@fpmt.org) or by phone at (503) 808-1592.

