

## **ISP Research Grants Scheme for MDS Students and PhD Scholars**

The ISP Research Grants Scheme for MDS Students and PhD Scholars is a flagship scheme of the Indian Society of Periodontology, Head Office which supports individual MDS Students and PhD scholars who are pursuing their post graduation or PhD in India in the specialty of Periodontology and or Implantology. The scheme is designed to encourage, nurture and support new ideas, innovations and novel projects in the specialty which have not been conducted in any of the Universities in India at the time of submission. The scheme envisages supporting not more than 4 (Four) Research Projects for MDS Students in a year with a grant in aid of up to 75,000/- each for a project period with an observation of not less than 9 months and 2 Research Projects for PhD Scholars in a year with a grant in aid of up to Rs 1,00,000/- for a project period with an observation of not less than 24 months. The applications for the same will be sought by the ISP Head Office every year in between Jan to March through a notification on the ISP website clearly mentioning the last date of submission which will be no earlier than one month and later than one and a half months after the notification is issued. No personal or individual communication will be sent. On receipt of the applications the same will be evaluated by the "**Scientific Research Committee of ISP**" comprising of three Past Presidents (preferably who have been associated with academics for a period not less than 5 years), two senior academicians who are presently working as Professors in any of the Dental Colleges with post graduation in the specialty and the President, President Elect and Secretary of the current years.

- 1) The applicant must be a registered MDS Student or PhD scholar and should apply within the first year of registering as the MDS student or PhD Scholar. The MDS Student, PG Guide, PhD Scholar as well as the Supervisor as the case may be must be Life Members of the Indian Society of Periodontology.
- 2) The applications should consist of Title of the project, detailed Synopsis under the subheadings of Background, Aim and Objectives, Literature review, Materials and Methods, Sample size calculations, Observation intervals, Duration of the project, Statistical methods to be applied, scientific implications, Timeline in the project, Novelty of the project, detailed expenses involved and how they are likely to be mitigated by the applicant and References.

- 3) The applications should be submitted by mail and also in triplicate by Speed Post to the ISP Head Office before the last date of submission.
- 4) The applications will have to be accompanied with Biodata of the applicant.
- 5) The projects may be based on Etiopathogenesis of periodontal diseases, novel treatment ideas, devices, diagnostics, perio-systemic interrelationships, biotechnology, implants, drugs including drug delivery etc. any topic related and of interest to the specialty of Periodontology.
- 6) The project submitted must be approved by the Govt. approved Institutional Ethical Committee and must fulfill all the ethical guidelines and standard protocols of Research. (Certificate of Govt. approved Ethical Committee and the project approval letter is a must)
- 7) If the project is a clinical trial then it should be registered with the Clinical trials registry of India at the time of submission of the project. (CTRI number should be mentioned in the application)
- 8) For MDS students, the applicant should have completed Basic Research Methodology of 3 days duration conducted by any Health University. For PhD Scholar the applicant should have completed Basic Research Methodology and Advanced Research Methodology Workshops of a minimum of 3 days duration each conducted by any Health University. The application should be accompanied with the respective certificates.
- 9) Information of any collaborating Institute should be mentioned along with the type of collaboration and other details in the application.
- 10) The applications should be submitted online with a covering letter, synopsis of the project, Ethical Committee approval letter, No Objection Certificate from the PG Guide or PhD Supervisor and the Heads of Institute where the project is going to be conducted and from the Head of the Institute of the collaborative Institute.
- 11) Along with the application a detailed budget of the project with expenditure for each item/ test/ aspect and how it is going to be mitigated by the applicant. The budget should not include the cost of bio material/bone graft or dental implants.
- 12) The entire responsibility of the submission and completion of the project would lie with the MDS student, PG Guide, PhD scholar and PhD Supervisor as is the case in respective application. In case of any untoward incidence or non completion of the project the

applicant with PG Guide or PhD Scholar with Supervisor both will be equally responsible for the same and will have to return the grants amount to the ISP Head Office within specified time as decided by the ISP Head Office. Failing to do so, the ISP Head Office will be entitled to take necessary legal action against both of them.

- 13) Only projects which are not supported by any other funding agency will be eligible for the grants by ISP. The applicant will have to submit an Undertaking stating the same once the project is approved and before the release of the grant amount.
- 14) On receipt of approval letter from the ISP Head Office the applicant will have to submit an Undertaking of Acceptance of the ISP Research Grants and abiding of ISP regulations from time to time.
- 15) The expenditure on the project if it exceeds the sanctioned amount then it will have to be borne by the applicant. Under no circumstances, the ISP Head Office will reconsider enhancement of the sanctioned grant amount.
- 16) On approval of the project the applicant will have to submit the Progress Report every six months from the date of issue of the approval letter by the ISP Head Office. The Progress Report will have to be signed by the applicant along with the respective PG Guide or PhD Supervisor. If the Progress Reports are not submitted, then the ISP Head Office is not liable to release the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of the Research Grant in the respective case.
- 17) Providing incorrect information will be viewed adversely and may lead to disqualification of the application.
- 18) On receipt of applications within the specified period, the ISP Head Office will convene a meeting of the **Scientific Research Committee** at the Head Office. The travel and accommodation expenses for the meeting will be borne by the ISP.
- 19) If the applications are not up to the mark in terms of scientific content or if the objectives of the project are not formulated properly or not novel in nature then it is not binding on the ISP Head Office to provide grants irrespective of the number of projects. There could be instances where not a single project might be approved by the Scientific Research Committee and that year the grants will not be released.
- 20) Request for change in proposal once submitted will it be permitted and the said will be rejected.

- 21) On approval, the grants will be released in three installments. The first installment of 40% amount will be released once the applicant submits acceptance letter, second installment of 35% amount after the completion of the project (Completion Report and Certificate by the PG Guide or PhD Supervisor stating that the Project is completed will be considered) and the rest 25% amount on publication of the paper based on the project findings in renowned journal. (Indexed with PubMed or Medline or Scopus or Web of Science) In case the journal charges any Article Processing Charges the same will have to be borne by the applicant and will not be reimbursed by the ISP Head Office.
- 22) The paper should clearly mention the ISP grants in the acknowledgement section of the manuscript.
- 23) One applicant can submit only one proposal. The applicant will not be considered for any second application if he or she has availed the ISP Research grants once.
- 24) In case application is submitted by any MDS student or PhD scholar who is pursuing MDS or PhD under a PG Guide or Supervisor who is also a member of the Scientific Research Committee, then the concerned member will recuse himself from the Committee at the time when decision is being taken by the Committee and his opinion will not be taken into consideration at the time of decision pertaining to the respective project.
- 25) The PhD Scholars grants will be allotted only to scholars who are registered at any of the approved Govt. Universities. (Private or Deemed to be Universities will not be considered)
- 26) Under no circumstances the total Grants amount in a year will exceed Rs. 5,00,000/-.
- 27) The Scientific Research Committee's decision will be final and binding.

**Documents to be submitted at the time of application:**

- 1) Covering letter signed by the applicant and PG Guide or PhD Scholar.
- 2) Biodata of the applicant.
- 3) Certificate from the Head of the institution stating the registered status, year of admission of the applicant as MDS student or PhD Scholar.
- 4) Synopsis of the project.

- 5) Basic Research Methodology and Advanced Research Methodology Workshops attendance certificates.
- 6) Institutional ethics committee approval letter.
- 7) No Objection Certificate from the PG Guide or PhD Supervisor and the Heads of Institute where the project is going to be conducted and from the Head of the Institute of the collaborative Institute.
- 8) Detailed budget of the project.
- 9) Undertaking stating that grants have not been received from any other funding agency.
- 10) Undertaking of Acceptance of the ISP Research Grants.

## **SPECIAL ISP RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME FOR MULTICENTRIC STUDIES ON PERIO-SYSTEMIC INTERLINK IN INDIA**

In view of the Golden Jubilee Year of the Indian Society of Periodontology which will be celebrated in the year 2025, it is proposed by the ISP Executive Committee that a Multicentric Study be carried out on the aspects of Perio-systemic interlink so as to generate data which is inherent to our country. The project may be undertaken under the aegis of ISP Head Office and will be monitored by a nominated "**Scientific Research Committee of ISP**". The project will likely be conducted over the next three years till the Golden Jubilee year and the data with the findings obtained will be released at the Golden Jubilee Conference and published in a renowned journal.

It is proposed that at least five centre's from across the country will be selected by the ISP Head Office in the forthcoming EC Meeting and the proposal will be drafted by the Chairperson of the "**Scientific Research Committee of ISP**". The said proposal will then be approved by the Institutional ethics committee at all the centre's and the study would be initiated. A budget of not more than Rs. 5,00,000/- per year for the next three years will be sanctioned by the ISP Head Office for performing the clinical, biochemical and radiographic analysis as may be applicable.

