

## ANNEXURE A

The Indian Association of Physiotherapists announces Research Grants for the following categories for the members of IAP

Sr No	Grant Category	Maximum Grant Amount	No of Grants per year	Criteria
	<b>The Physio-Scientist</b>	Rs. 50,000/-	1	<p>Any academician or a Clinician who is IAP member with clinical or academic experience upto 10 years can apply</p> <p>Must have atleast three publications in peer reviewed indexed journals</p>
	<b>The Senior-Scientist</b>	Rs 50,000/-	1	<p>Any academician or a Clinician who is IAP member with clinical or academic experience of atleast 15 years can apply</p> <p>Must have atleast five publications in peer reviewed indexed journals</p>
	<b>The Physio-Innovator</b>	Rs 1,00,000/-	1	<p>This category of funding is for any innovation in the field of Physiotherapy which includes designing of a new equipment, designing a new assessment tool, a new software that may be used in any form in Physiotherapy or developing a mobile application for the use in Physiotherapy.</p> <p>Any Physiotherapist who is an IAP member can apply for the same</p> <p>Before disbursing the amount, the candidate will have to sign a form saying that once such an innovation is successful, it will have to mentioned that this innovation was funded by IAP and will have to acknowledge this in all presentations, publications and even while applying for copyright.</p> <p>IAP will be a part of Intellectual Property Rights / Patent for such innovation / equipment / instrument developed through this funding</p>

**Duration of the grant** - This grant will be valid for a period of one year from the day of receiving approval letter except for short term student ship and grant money will be disbursed in installments as work report progress

### **Eligibility**

1. Applicant should be a Life time member of Indian Association of Physiotherapists
2. Applicants under all the categories will have to produce NOC from their Institute or Hospital where they are serving. They must be full time employee in the respective Institute. They will also have to produce an undertaking saying this is his/her own genuine work and will abide by all rules and regulations of the Grant Funding committee. Incase of a private practitioner who owns his own clinic or hospital will have to produce an undertaking saying this is his/her own genuine work and will abide by all rules and regulations of the Grant Funding committee.
3. This grant will be valid for a period of one year from the date of approval.

### **Utilization of the fund given under Research Grant**

Prior to utilization of a grant under any of the following purposes, approval of the account head and amount by the funding committee is mandatory. This fund can be utilized for the following purposes

1. Cost towards developing equipment/ instrument or any tool that has diagnostic or treatment value for Physiotherapy practice
2. Cost of purchasing or hiring an equipment necessary for research that may not be a part of conventional Physiotherapy setting
3. Cost of investigations and assessment measures and tools that are a part of proposed research
4. Cost of interventions that are a part of proposed research
5. Developing or purchasing a software that is essential and is a part of assessment, documentation and intervention of the proposed research
6. Consumables required for undertaking the research
7. Any other miscellaneous costs for data collection like contingency stationary, printing, travelling etc

### **NOTE -**

- Final decision of the cost approval under above mentioned cost heads lies with the IAP Research Funding Committee
- The awardee of the grant will be solely responsible for the proper utilization of the funds under the approved cost heads and if found fraudulent, the grant will be immediately cancelled and he/she will have to repay the full cost and appropriate disciplinary actions will be decided by IAP CEC and Research Committee
- Change of cost heads after sanction will not be permitted unless in exigent situations where it may be permitted only after prior approval from the IAP Research Funding committee

### **Fund disbursement and documentation and reporting of expenses**

Upon receiving the applications and after scrutiny by Experts, all the applicants will be informed about the decision by email. Those applicants who succeed in availing the grants will have to provide bank account details for financial transactions. For applicants who are working as an employee in a Hospital or a College, will have to provide bank details of their salary account for financial transactions and

those having their own Centers will have to provide their official bank account details of their centre or department.

The funding amount will be transferred in two installments to the account given by the applicant. The first installment of the amount will be disbursed only after the submission of undertaking by the applicant that the grant money will be utilized only for the intended purpose. Second installment will be disbursed only after the submission of an interim report, bills and expenditure statement in the prescribed format within first half of the project duration. This interim report along with bills to be submitted by email. This will be reviewed by the expert committee and final installment will be disbursed only after the expert committee approves the report.

All expenses should be paid by cheque or online transfer only. Cash transactions will not be considered for payment unless in a grave situation after the approval of the competent authority.

### **Ethical Clearance and CTRI Registration**

It is mandatory that all the proposals should have undertaken Ethical Clearance for their proposals or have submitted to the ethics committee which is registered with CDSCO and belong to the place in the vicinity of data collection place.

Those proposals that involve Clinical Trials and Intervention studies, it is mandatory to register such a trial in Clinical Trial Registry of India ( [www.ctri.nic.in](http://www.ctri.nic.in) ) prior to applying for funding. Such a proposal should be submitted with a clinical trial registry number.

### **Submitting a proposal**

- All the proposals should be submitted in the prescribed format with relevant supporting documents.
- Proposal should be submitted to [iapresearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:iapresearchcommittee@gmail.com) and a hard copy with necessary documents to be sent to Dr Nehal Shah (PT), SBB College of Physiotherapy, V.S.Hospital Campus, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad-380006 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024
- Submission process opens **15<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 and closes 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**
- Applicants will be intimated by email latest by 30th June, 2024
- All the submitted applications will be reviewed by an expert committee nominated by IAP CEC and IAP Research Committee and will be scored objectively
- Expert Committee will be blinded to the details of the applicant.
- Each proposal can have a maximum of one Principal Investigator and two co-investigators. It is mandatory that the Principal Investigator be a Physiotherapist and Life member of IAP. Maximum of one co-investigator can be an other professional and the other co-investigator be a Physiotherapist and Life member of IAP. Non-Physiotherapist co-investigator should be a professional passed out from a recognized Institute and Member of a respective Council or Association.
- PI and Co-PI may belong to the same Institute or a different Institute
- After the successful approval of the proposal, if for any reason the PI may not wish to continue with the project, the responsibility of the proposal lies with the CO-PI who is a Physiotherapist for successful completion of the proposal.
- If even the Co-PI does not wish to continue the proposal half-way, all the applicants together will have to repay the entire amount.

- If an applicant has received the grant once as PI, he/she will not be eligible for another grant in the same tenure and for next five years.
- Such a PI can become a Co-PI in a maximum of one proposal at a time during such period.
- If insufficient applications are received for a particular category or in a scenario where an expert committee does not approve any of the received application worthy of a funding, IAP Funding Committee reserves the right to either transfer the grant to another category or to close the grant for that year for that category which will be decided depending on the situation of that particular year.

### **Presentation and Publication of the completed Research**

- Completed research/innovation work should be presented in the upcoming National Conference of IAP
- Applicant receiving funds towards researches done for MPT dissertation, PhD Thesis or any such purpose should acknowledge IAP Research Funding in all their presentations and publications.
- Such a successful research should be published in a peer reviewed indexed journal. IAP research grant should be acknowledged in all such publications

