



# The Indian Association Of Physiotherapists

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## THE INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS RESEARCH GRANTS

**The Indian Association of Physiotherapists hereby announces Research Grants for the following categories :-**

1. Short Term Student Grant
2. The Budding Scientist
3. The Physio-scientist
4. The Senior-Scientist
5. The Physio-Innovator

For eligibility and other details of the categories, please refer Annexure A attached herewith.

**Steps to apply for the Grants**

1. Download Form I and Form II from the website [www.physiotherapyindia.org](http://www.physiotherapyindia.org)
2. Both the forms are to be filled separately and submitted
3. Abstract of the Research should be attached along with the forms I and II
4. The proposal should reach us on/before 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021
5. Please submit your application at [iapresearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:iapresearchcommittee@gmail.com)
6. Incomplete forms and late entries will not be accepted

**Important Note -**

- Submission of request does not confirm acceptance of the proposal or acceptance for evaluation or it does not guarantee financial/technical commitment
- All the proposals will be screened for scientific merit by an expert committee
- Proposals requiring expert opinion will be addressed by a high level committee appointed by IAP CEC

**Abstract preparation guidelines**

- Word Limit - Not more than 500 words
- Abstract should contain -
  - Background
  - Need of Study
  - Objectives - should be clearly defined

- Methodology - Methodology should include sample size, mode of subject selection, inclusion/exclusion criteria, materials and equipments to be used, detailed procedure to be performed and plan of data analysis. Methodology should also have a flow chart of the procedure
- Abstract should be prepared in Times New Roman, font 12. Line spacing 1.5
- Abstract should not reveal the identity of the author, institute, city or state of study. If at any instance any of these identities is revealed, the application will be disqualified.

If you wish to seek more information on this or if you have any queries, please feel free to email your queries on [iapresearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:iapresearchcommittee@gmail.com) Your queries will be replied in 48 working hours.

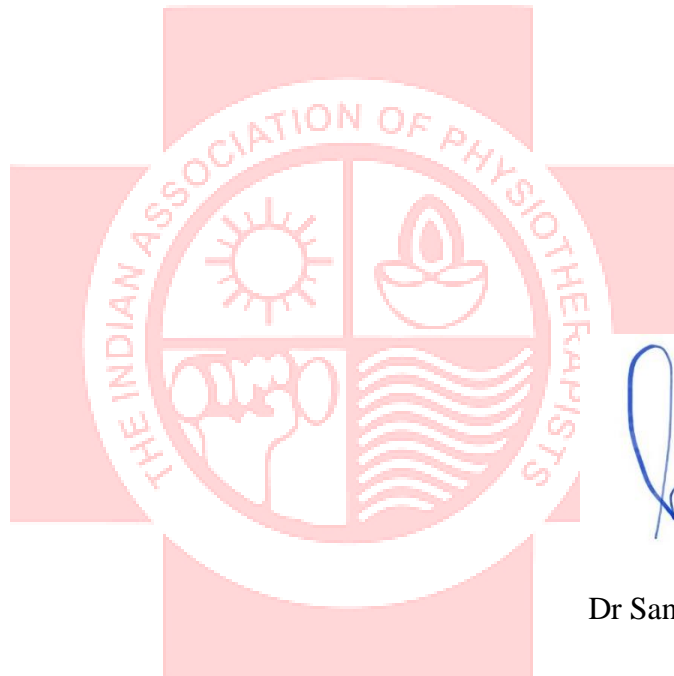
Thanking You



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National President

IAP

## ANNEXURE A

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

### 1. Short term student grant

- a. For UG Student under the guidance of a guide
- b. Mandatory to complete the study in six months
- c. Grant may be issued for logistics towards the study
- d. Student who is the student member of IAP or the student from Member College of IAP can only apply
- e. Available to 5 best students / year upto maximum of Rs 10,000/- per study

### 2. The Budding Scientist

- a. Any Physiotherapist who is a member of IAP and working in a clinical/academic set up and who wishes to perform research can apply
- b. His/her clinical experience should be < 10 years post BPT or < 5 years post MPT and a total experience of not more than 5 years
- c. Post graduate student who is a member of IAP or who is studying in a Member college can apply in this category provided he/she is studying in a full time MPT course and is in the First Year of the course. He should not have got experience of > 5 years post BPT while applying for the grant. (Publication rule may not apply to a PG student)
- d. Must have atleast one publication in peer reviewed indexed journals
- e. Available to 3 best scientist/ year upto maximum of Rs 25000/- per study

### 3. The Physio-Scientist

- a. Any academician or a Clinician who is IAP member with clinical or academic experience between 5 to 15 years can apply
- b. Must have atleast three publications in peer reviewed indexed journals
- c. Available to 2 best scientists / year upto a maximum of Rs 50,000/- per study

### 4. The Senior-Scientist

- a. Any academician or a Clinician who is IAP member with clinical or academic experience of atleast 15 years can apply
- b. Must have atleast five publications in peer reviewed indexed journals
- c. Available to 2 best scientists / year upto a maximum of Rs 50,000/- per study

### 5. The Physio-Innovator

- a. 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.
- b. Any Physiotherapist who is an IAP member can apply for the same

- c. 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.
- d. IAP will be a part of Intellectual Property Rights / Patent for such innovation / equipment / instrument developed through this funding
- e. Available to one best Innovator / year upto maximum Rs 1,00,000/- per study

**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 short term student grant should be enrolled in a full time BPT course from a recognized Institute in India. He/She will have to submit consent of the guide for the study (who is a faculty of the same college where the student is studying) and NOC from the Institution.
3. 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.
4. Except for short term studentship, this grant will be valid for a period of one year from the date of approval.
5. Validity of a grant for Short term studentship will be six months 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
8. If selected for funding, early bid registration for IAP Conference

**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 Centres 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.
- Such a submission should be made by email only to mail id [iapresearchcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:iapresearchcommittee@gmail.com)
- Submission process opens 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2021 and closes 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021
- Applicants will be intimated by email latest by 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021
- 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 a 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

## FORM - I

### 1. DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATORS

Details	Principal Investigator	Co-PI 1	Co-PI-2
Name			
Institute/Clinic/Hospital Name			
Address of the place of work			
Designation			
IAP Registration Number			
Office Phone No with STD code			
Mobile Number			
Email ID			

### 2. GRANT CATEGORY (Please tick the appropriate category)

Sr No	Category	Tick (√)
1	Short term Student Grant	
2	The Budding Scientist	
3	The Physio-Scientist	
4	The Senior-Scientist	
5	Physio-innovator	



3. **Title of the Study / Research/Innovation -**
4. **Abstract in 500 words (Please attach a copy)**
5. **Proposed Budget for the research (Please furnish budget within the allotted budget of your respective category) (You can use a separate sheet to furnish these details)**

Sr No	Grant Budget Head	Amount needed (Rs/-)
1	Purchase of Equipment/tools	
2	Cost towards developing a new tool ( Please mention subheadings of all materials needed towards the same with amount)	
3	Intervention Cost (eg any lab/radiological/electrophysiological tests needed for the study, any screening cost incurred etc)	
4	Developing a software	
5	Purchasing a software	
6	Purchasing of consumable items	
7	Purchase of contingency items and stationary	
8	Cost of travelling	
	Total	

**6. Details of Ethics Committee Approval (Please attach the copy of approval letter)**

- i. Name of the Ethics Committee -
- ii. Registered address of the Committee -
- iii. Date of approval of the proposal -
- iv. Registration / Acknowledgement number -

**7. Details of Clinical Trial Registration - Registration / Acknowledgement number and details**

**8. Consent of Guide (incase of a UG or PG Research) - (please attach a copy)**

**9. No Objection Certificate from the Head of Institute / Hospital and in case of a Private independent practitioner, undertaking to abide by rules and regulations and undertaking for originality of the work (Please attach a copy)**

**DECLARATION BY THE INVESTIGATORS AND ENDORSED BY THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTE**

1. We have read all the terms and conditions for the IAP Research Grant and we abide by them
2. We abide by all rules and regulations laid down
3. We hereby affirm that the research proposal is our original work and we will perform it with integrity and high ethical standards
4. We abide to submit regular interim report and expenditure statements and bills as per the norms periodically as and when needed
5. We hereby certify that the tools/equipments/software purchased through the grants are/will not be used for any other purpose except this research
6. We abide to refund entire grant amount if we fail to complete the research within the stipulated time
7. If on audit of the expenses laid by us, it is found by IAP that the laid expenses are incorrect or fake, we abide to refund entire grant amount to IAP

Name and Signature of the PI

Name and Signature of Co-PI - 1

Name and Signature of Co-PI - 2

Countersigned by Head of the Institute with Official Seal

Date and Place

## FORM - II

Note - Please make sure not to include any details that reveal the identity of the investigator, location, Institute/Hospital. The application will be rejected if any kind of such revelation is found

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### 2. Title of the study / research / innovation

### 3. Need of the study (in 300 words citing the relevant literature)

### 4. Aims and Objectives of the study

### 5. Methodology (should include design, sample size estimation, mode of selection, inclusion-exclusion criteria, any equipment /software to be used, detailed procedure, plan of data analysis. If it is a RCT, detailed randomization process should be mentioned. If it is a cross sectional study, sample selection modes and strategies should be described) Methodology should also include a flow chart of procedure / schematic of the plan) (Please make sure identity of the investigator / Institution/clinic/hospital/place should not be revealed while describing)

**6.** Brief description of the Institution / Hospital / Clinic where the study is to be performed. Description should include availability of facilities / support to conduct the study and the lacunae for the same. (Please make sure identity of the investigator / Institution/clinic/hospital/place should not be revealed while describing)

**7.** Timeline details - Prepare a Gantt chart to provide details of likely progress quarterly. Details should contain verifiable indicators.

**8.** Describe in 100 words relevance of such research for Physiotherapy practice / education

**9.** Upon completion of the project, how would the researcher aim to disseminate the findings or make an awareness about such a study

**10.** List of Journals where publication is planned (five journals)

**11. Details of grant description under individual heading with appropriate justification.  
If under some head, grant is not needed, please mention “not needed”**

Sr No	Grant Budget Head	Justification for request
1	Purchase of Equipment/tools	
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