Terms and Conditions & Submission Process for IAP Research Grants 2022

• NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF GRANTS

- 1. Undergraduate students (UG): 10 awards of Rs. 10,000/- each
- 2. Postgraduate students (PG): 4 awards of Rs. 25,000/- each
- 3. Young Researchers: 4 awards of Rs. 25,000/- each
- 4. Practicing Pediatricians (PP): 8 awards of Rs. 25,000/- each

• ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

Undergraduate students

- 1. The student may pursue work during any semester of MBBS training (including internship) at an institution recognized by NMC or through Act of Parliament (e.g., AIIMS)
- 2. The work should be relevant to child health, including neonatology
- 3. The supervisor or co-supervisor for the project should be from the Department of Pediatrics/Neonatology of the same medical college, and should be a life member of IAP.
- 4. Ethical permission from the Institute's ethics committee is mandatory before start of the work.
- 5. An undertaking from student and the supervisor will be required about no other source of funding for the work.
- 6. The work should be commenced between August to December of the year of award of the grant
- 7. The findings of the work winning the research grant may be considered for presentation by the student in the next year Pedicon (e.g., 2023 for awards granted in 2022), and depending upon the decision of IAP Executive board, additional funding may be made available by IAP to cover cost of travel and accommodation.
- 8. Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant.

Postgraduate students

- 1. The student should be pursuing MD/DNB in Pediatrics from an institution recognized by NMC/NBE or through act of parliament (e.g., AIIMS, PGI)
- 2. The grant will be awarded to support the funding of thesis work, the protocol of which should already be cleared by the institute's ethics committee and the PG cell (or a similar committee) of the concerned College/University/Hospital.
- 3. The supervisor for the project should be from the Department of Pediatrics/Neonatology from the same teaching institution, and should be a life member of IAP.

- 4. Ethical permission from the Institute's ethics committee is mandatory before start of the work.
- 5. An undertaking from student and supervisor will be required about no other source of funding for the work. The funds may be utilized for the purpose of procuring reagents, kits, or for covering cost of laboratory investigations, minor equipment, learning resources, printing/binding etc.
- 6. Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant

Young researchers

- 1. Persons who have completed their postgraduate degree/diploma (MD/DNB/DCH) within last five years (counted from the last day of PG training to the last day of application) from an institution recognized by NMC/NBE or through act of parliament (e.g., AIIMS, PGI), and are working as Senior Residents/ Tutors/ Faculty in medical colleges/hospitals are eligible for this award.
- 2. The researcher submitting the proposal will be the Principal Investigator (PI) of the project, and should be a life member of IAP.
- 3. Ethical permission from the institute's ethics committee is mandatory before start of the work.
- 4. An undertaking from researcher will be required about no other source of funding for the work. The funds may be utilized for the purpose of procuring reagents, kits, or for covering cost of laboratory investigations, minor equipment, learning resources, printing/binding etc.
- 5. The paper coming out of any such project should be first submitted to Indian Pediatrics. Investigators will be free to submit the paper elsewhere in case of rejection from Indian Pediatrics.
- 6. Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant.

Practicing pediatricians

- 1. Any life member of IAP interested in research in his/her office practice is eligible for the award
- 2. Ethical permission from IAP.s independent ethics committee or any other independent or institutional ethics committee is mandatory before start of the project
- 3. An undertaking from investigator will be required about no other source of funding for the work. The funds may be utilized for the purpose of procuring reagents, kits, or for covering cost of laboratory investigations, minor equipment, learning resources, printing/binding etc.
- 4. Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant

SUBMISSION PROCESS

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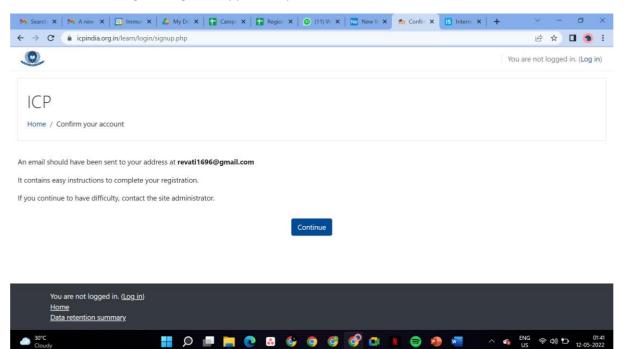
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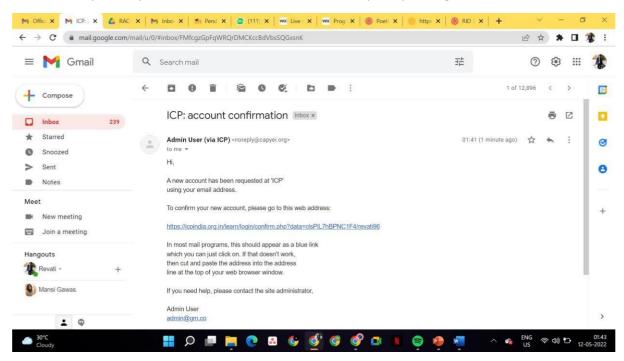
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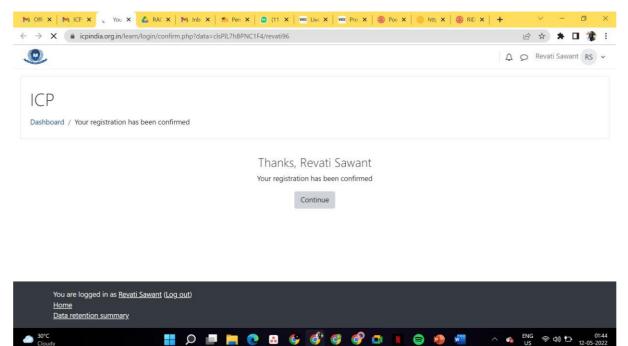
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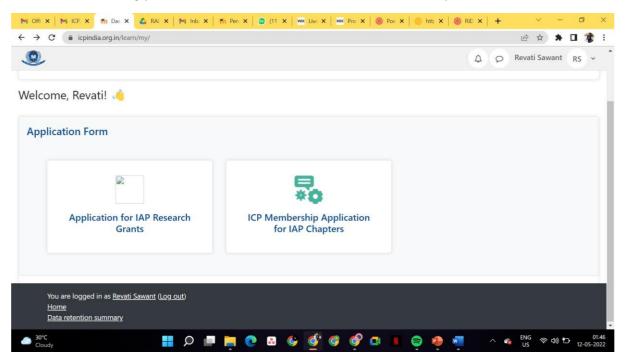
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8. To start using your account, click on Continue. You will see two options.



9. If you want to apply for IAP Grants, click on the first option. The following form will appear. Fill the form and hit submit.

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PREPARATION OF PROTOCOL

The work should be new and original. Projects which have already been completed, or presented/published do not qualify for these grants. Prepare your proposal in 12 font size and double spacing. The proposal should be submitted as two separate pdf files as follows:

1. Title Page and Certificate: Format should be pdf (single file)

Page 1 Title Page: Title of project, names and affiliations of all authors along with their signatures, corresponding author details, statement about ethical approval status, any registration with clinical trial registry, conflict of interest, and funding of the project from any other source. IAP membership details of applicant/supervisor must be mentioned along with affiliations.

Page 2 Certificate/Undertaking: A statement to the effect that the work is original, and has not been already started (except PG thesis protocols). The undertaking should include a statement about no other source of funding for the project. It should be signed by principal investigator as well as supervisor (in case of undergraduate and postgraduate work).

2. Research Proposal: Format shall be pdf (single file)

- Title and Summary of the project (Background, Study Design and Methods)
- Details of the project, including the Need of the study, Aim and Objectives, Brief Review of Literature, Methods (including inclusion and exclusion criteria, intervention/procedures, Outcomes, Sample size and Statistical analysis) References and Study Proforma.

Please note that no details about authors or institutions should be mentioned in the main proposal. The proposals will be disqualified if such details are found in the main proposal, or if there are no signatures in the undertaking.

EVALUATION PROCESS

- All proposals will undergo evaluation by an expert committee. The same online platform will be used for independent evaluation by experts, and the grant will be awarded to the projects on the basis of this marking.
- The full amount of grant will be released after submission of complete report (research paper) of the project, and its approval by the expert committee.
- The investigators have to provide a certificate of expenditure duly signed by awardee and supervisor (in case of undergraduate and postgraduate work) for the amount before release of such grant.
- If any irregularities are noticed, the grant will be denied. If any such irregularities are found out after allocation of grants/ in the middle of the research, the grant sanctioned is to be returned to the IAP fully.

Timelines

- Announcement in May 2022.
- Last Date of Submission of Protocol: 15 July 2022
- Announcement of Award(s): July August, 2022
- Commencement of Work
 - Undergraduates: August to December (5 months including report preparation and submission)
 - Postgraduates: 18 months (for thesis support)
 - Young Researchers and Practicing Pediatricians: One year
- Report Submission
 - Final Report by 31st January 2023 for Undergraduate award
 - Mid-term Progress by 31st January 2023 for other three categories
 - Final Report By 15th December 2023 for other three categories