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Dear Colleagues from APPA,

Greetings from Indian Academy of Paediatrics.

Under IAP Action Plan 2019-20 the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP) has initiated the following IAP Research Awards, to foster a research environment amongst the undergraduate medical students, pediatric postgraduate students, and private practitioners. We are pleased to offer these to students from APPA member societies countries as well as to private practitioners who are primary member of any of the APPA member societies. The awards will be granted every year for carrying out a research project related to child health. Applications are invited from interested researchers for the following categories of award & the criteria and selection process will be as under.

We request the office bearers of APPA as well as APPA member societies to disseminate this information amongst members and encourage them to send their research application latest by **August 27th, 2019.**

Let us promote culture of research in our region!

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CRITERIA AND PROCESS OF IAP RESEARCH AWARD FOR ASIA PACIFIC PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION (APPA) COUNTRIES

- **Number and Amount of Award**

The following awards will be granted every year:

- Undergraduate students: 2 awards of USD 500 each
- Postgraduate students: 2 awards of USD 500 each
- Private Practitioners: 2 awards of USD 500 each

- **Eligibility Criteria**

Undergraduate students

- The student may pursue work during any semester of medical school training from APPA affiliated countries
- The work should be relevant to child health
- The supervisor or co-supervisor for the project should be from Department of Pediatrics, and should be a life member of the recognized society of the member country (details of member societies can be found at www.a-p-p-a.org).
- Ethical permission from institute's ethical committee is mandatory before start of the work.
- An undertaking from student will be required about no other source of funding for the work.
- The total duration of work will be 3-6 months.
- The paper coming out of any such project should be first submitted to Indian Pediatrics under appropriate section. Investigators will be free to submit the paper elsewhere in case of rejection from Indian Pediatrics.
- Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant

Postgraduate students

- The student should be pursuing postgraduate degree/diploma in Pediatrics from a recognized institution from APPA affiliated countries.
- The grant will be awarded to support the funding of thesis work, the protocol of which should already be cleared by the institute's ethical committee and the PG cell of the concerned college/University
- An undertaking from student will be required about no other source of funding for the work
- 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.
- Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant

Private practitioners

- Any life member of a society affiliated to APPA interested in research in his/her office practice is eligible for the award
- Ethical permission from an independent ethical committee is mandatory before start of the work.
- An undertaking from person will be required about no other source of funding for the work.
- 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.
- Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant

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. The formats of the protocol to be submitted is as follows:

- Pages 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. membership details of applicant/supervisor must be mentioned along with affiliations.
- Page number 2: Undertaking 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).
- Page number 3: Title and Summary of the project (Background, Study Design and Methods (including inclusion and exclusion criteria, intervention/procedures, Outcomes, Sample size and Statistical analysis)
- Page number 4 to 10 (may exceed if necessary): Details of the project, including the Need of the study, Aim and Objectives, Brief Review of Literature, Methods, References and Study Proforma.

Please note that no details about authors or institutions should be mentioned in the protocol, except in first two pages. The proposals will be disqualified if such details are found in the proposal from page 3 onwards.

Prepare your proposal in Microsoft word document with 12 font size. Print the document, get signatures on first page (against names of all investigators) and undertaking on second page by principal investigator and supervisor (in case of undergraduates and postgraduates). Scan it and convert it into a single pdf document that needs to be submitted as an online attachment by e-mail addressed to centraloffice@iapindia.org through the respective official Pediatric Society,

- **Process and Timelines**

The proposals have to be submitted through the respective official Pediatric Societies of the country.

All projects will undergo evaluation by an expert committee. The award will be granted to the project with maximum marks. Criteria for evaluation of projects are to be decided by the expert committee.

The full amount of grant will be released after submission of complete report (or research paper) of the project, and its approval by the expert committee.

The investigators will have to provide a utilization certificate duly signed by awardee and supervisor (in case of undergraduate and postgraduate work) for the amount before release of such grant.

Last date to receive the proposal : 27th August, 2019

Scrutiny of proposals: 7th September 2019

Declaration of research awards: 20th September, 2019