

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

MAMTA-IAP AHA Research Scholarship Excellence Awards in Adolescent Health:

under the aegis of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2022-23



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A. Background

MAMTA Health Institute for Mother and Child is a not for profit organisation working on the issues of RMNCH+A, TB, HIV, and SRH and now on Non-communicable diseases for more than three decades. Its pioneering work has been around the thematic areas of Adolescent health and development, while working through building evidence base on Implementation strategies and System strengthening. Its geographical focus spreads across the country and also in countries of South and South-East Asia.

With its vast experience in Adolescent health and development at National and International level it is moved to the natural next step of establishing a “Centre for Adolescent Health & Development” with focus on building quality evidence for policies and programmes in country and in other low resource settings. All this through quality human resource and by establishing academic partnerships.

MAMTA has been conducting a Scholarship Programme since past 5 years to promote health, socio-behavioural and policy research in priority areas that impact adolescents and is meant to develop evidence to guide policy. This scholarship in India is an opportunity for Medical post graduates and PhD students to contribute to Clinical and Public health research on key issues affecting adolescent health to advance adolescent health and well-being.

IAP has a history of providing excellence awards in neonatal, child and preventive health in the past. As the need for Adolescent health has gained importance Nationally and Globally, MAMTA in collaboration with AHA-IAP is to institute an Excellence award in the field of Adolescent Health - MAMTA-IAP Excellence award for Adolescent Health (can be named appropriately by IAP).

The key objectives of the scheme are to:

- Strengthen and develop research in adolescent health and development
- Building the research capacity of young professionals and researchers working in the area of Adolescent Health
- Increase collaboration with National and International research partners
- Produce high quality research outputs demonstrating impact for enhancement of Adolescent Health and well being.

As part of its scholarship programme, MAMTA AHA-IAP will also offer mentoring support to those scholarship holders who would be interested in seeking guidance and technical inputs from experts during all the stages of the study process including design, data analysis, quality assurance, interpretation of results and scientific writing.

B. Study areas

The study thrust has to be around the areas which directly or indirectly help in improving Clinical Care in Adolescent Health besides strengthening the National Program of Adolescent Health with six domains - Nutrition, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Mental Health, Injuries and Violence, Prevent Substance abuse, Non Communicable Disease.

C. Eligibility Requirements

Who can apply: Those who fulfil the given criteria below and have an interest in carrying out study in an area significant to adolescent health and development.

Academic Qualifications: The applicant must be enrolled for a full time MD/PhD degree program in a relevant discipline of medical science (Paediatrics) and Faculty from a recognized University/Institution in India.

Age Limit: Less than 40 years on the application closing date

D. Structure of Scholarship

Grant Sizes:

The award can be in two categories.

- a. For Excellence in clinical sciences provided to Adolescent Health
- b. For academic research in the clinical or public health domain

Each of these scholarships shall be for two awardees in each category. Each award being of Rs. 1,50,000/-. An additional support for publication in peer reviewed journal upto Rs. 50,000/- (or case to case basis).

Financial support under the Scholarship will include the following:

- Primary data collection
- Contingencies (stationary/photocopies/ printouts/courier and subscription charges)
- Travel and cost related with short term course related to study (data analysis, study design, how to write scientific article etc).
- Documentation (e.g. dissertation/report writing)
- Any other expenditure needed to improve quality of Adolescent Health research.

Financial support will NOT cover:

- Articles such as equipment, vehicle, furniture.
- Any foreign travel, or any personal travels.

E. Scholarship duration

Maximum tenure of the Scholarship will be **ONE** year for the proposed study topic.

F. Research Methodology Training

IAP may consider capacity building training around Adolescent Health Research for scholarship awardee and their mentors.

G. Submitting Proposal and Application

Interested applicants shall need to submit the following documents for applying for this study scholarship:

- **Applications along with a study proposal/protocol** on the prescribed format (*Annexure 1*) should be submitted. This study proposal must include your topic of study, objectives, study design and outlines the study question within a framework, location, proposed methodology, implications of the study for public health programmes and policies and detailed timeline (*Annexure-2*) and budget (*Annexure-3*).
- **Certificate of Institutional Ethical Clearance**
- **Proof of enrolment in MD/PhD degree**
- **Age proof**
- **Support letter from Head of the Institution/Department** for efficient use of Scholarship
- **CV of the applicant and his/her guide/ co-guide** along with publications in the relevant area of study must be enclosed

- **A short note** (maximum 500 words) on the relevance of this scholarship for your career advancement in adolescent health and development and well-being.

Please note that an applicant can submit only **one application/proposal** in prescribed format. Duplicate applications/proposals will be summarily rejected.

H. Selection criteria for the Scholarship:

Selection will be made on the basis of the academic record of the candidate and the quality of the proposal submitted. The applications will be screened by a screening committee based on the eligibility criteria. Applications found to meet the eligibility requirements will then be sent to a panel of experts in the area of study. The evaluation and selection for award of Scholarship will be guided by the following parameters:

- 1) Relevance of the topic
- 2) Clarity of the study question and scope
- 3) Study design/Methodology for data collection
- 4) Background of the Candidate and Guide/Principal investigator (PI)
- 5) Institutional Ethical Clearance

I. Intimation to candidate and institution to which he/she is attached

Once the proposal is selected the concerned applicant/candidate, principal investigator and institution/university shall be intimated via email/registered mail. The names of the awardees will also be posted on the MAMTA website.

J. Quarterly Monitoring progress

The Scholarship holder are required to submit a progress reports quarterly. Strict adherence on this is highly recommended for next releases.

K. Publication

Scholarship holder is strongly encouraged to publish research papers and/or make oral presentations in conferences based on the dissertation with joint authorship or due acknowledgement to AHA IAP-MAMTA. AHA IAP- MAMTA will have the right to access data and also publish reports/papers or make presentations with the Scholarship holder and the Principal investigator as co-authors.

L. Submission of application

The last date for submission of study proposal by **February 20th, 2023**.

Application in the prescribed format (Annexure 1-4) along with all the documents (as listed in section G above) must be submitted in **soft copy** should reach **on or before February 20th, 2023** at the following address:

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