

Smt. Saroj Shukla Travel Scholarship

This Scholarship was instituted by the Society in the year 2014 from an endowment received from professor Rakesh Shukla, Cincinnati, USA, in the memory of his mother smt. Saroj Shukla. The Scholarship is given as a fixed funding support (irrespective of the total expenses incurred to the candidate) towards travel and local hospitality to a needy prospective participant of the Society's annual conference. The applicant should be young scientist, having a post graduate degree in any discipline (biostatistics or medicine, etc) and should be studying / working in India. The applicant should have some active role in the scientific program of that year's Conference of the Society – either as speaker to any seminar, symposium or workshop or presenting a research paper in the oral session. Also, the candidate should not be receiving funding support from any other agency (including support from the Conference organizer) towards his / her attendance in the Conference.

Nature of the Award: The selected candidate will be given a Certificate of Honour and a cash prize of Rs 5,000/-. The Scholarship will be given in form of a cheque / cash money during the annual conference of the current year's conference.

Eligibility Criteria: The applicant, who should be in need of funding support to participate in the society's current year's Conference, should be:

- a) A life member of the Society,
- b) Aged below 45 years (as on 31st March of the year of applying for the Scholarship),
- c) A post graduate in any discipline and should be studying or working in India, and
- d) Playing an active role in the scientific program of that year's Conference of the Society – either as speaker to any seminar, symposium or workshop or presenting a research paper in the oral session.

Submission of Entries for the Scholarship: Announcement inviting entries for the Scholarship will be made by the General Secretary of the Society along with other awards. To apply for the Scholarship, applicant will send an e-mail to the Chair, Awards Committee with a copy to the General Secretary- requesting for the purpose, along with scanned or soft copies of the following documents as attachments, well before the deadline set by the Secretariat:

1. Valid proof of age, post graduation and life membership status of the Society,
2. Evidence on his/her active involvement & role in the conference (such as – invitation as a speaker or has an accepted abstract of the paper for presentation in the oral session by the Conference committee; if acceptance is awaited then, some other alternative convincing proof of his/her role),
3. Self signed CV including current research work being pursued, funding support from any other agency (including conference organizer) for this purpose.

Criteria for Evaluation of Entries: On recommendation of the Awards Committee, then Executive Committee (EC)-with President as its Chair, will take a final decision on the Scholarship. The Awards Committee will submit its recommendations to EC, as early as possible and the awardee shall be informed by the Secretariat about the Scholarship immediately thereafter (preferably, at least 2 weeks a head of the Conference dates). No prior approval of the Governing Council and / or the

General Body shall be required for this purpose. However, Governing Council as well as the General Body, shall be duly informed about the grant of scholarship to the candidate.

If no candidate shall be found suitable for this Scholarship (or no entry was received by the Society for this purpose) in any year, the situation, the Governing Council-in its meeting to be held during the Conference, may directly decide about this Scholarship in favour of any eligible and needy participant of the Conference.