

21<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2024

<u>Announcement</u>

## **SOMA** RESEARCH GRANT

## (Catch them early; mentor and train the budding young innovative minds to become great scientists to serve science, society and Bharat)

Society of Medical Arthropodology (SOMA) is delighted to advertise its first ever SOMA RESEARCH GRANT which would be given away to three budding and innovative very young scientists carrying out their Undergraduate or Postgraduate in Indian Universities, IITs, IIMs, Engineering and Medical colleges during the 17th SOMA International Conference of Medical Arthropodology (*Central Theme*: "Malaria and other Vector-borne & Zoonotic Diseases: *Current Challenges and Opportunities in Public and Veterinary Health*"), to be hosted by the Department of Zoology, Khalsa College (autonomous affiliated to Guru Nanak Dev University), Amritsar, Punjab, India during Nov. 20-21, 2024 (appended with a daylong Fieldwork on Nov. 22). The Grant, each carrying a total sum of Rs. 15 Thousands only, is available to *Bhartiya* (Indians) only.

The Award will carry (i) A certificate, (ii) A Medallion, and (iii) Electronic Transfer Acknowledgement.

Those interested may apply through email to Prof. Dr B.K. Tyagi, President, SOMA on his email : <u>abktyagi@gmail.com</u>, with a cc. to the Secretary General, Prof. Dr B. Reddya Naik (<u>brnaik@osmania.ac.in</u>) and the Executive Editor, JoMAPH (<u>rinatilak@hotmail.com</u>).

The email application (supported with an approval of the HOD/Principal concerned, and sent as an attachment), must explicitly mention the following information:

- (i) Name of Applicant (with Email ID and Mob. No.)
- (ii) Department & College address (with PIN)
- (iii) Bank account details with IFS Code (attach a certified copy of the First page of the Bank Pass Book mentioning bank account details)
- (iv) Age & Date of Birth (with Proof of Age)
- (v) A one-page of the proposed project in any field of medical arthropodology, clearly mentioning innovation idea and how to achieve the outcome.

- (vi) An undertaking (in the email itself) that the proposed and awarded project will be carried out to completion, duly certified by the HOD/Principal, and submitted to the SOMA (Prof. Dr B.K. Tyagi, President, SOMA on his email : <u>abktyagi@gmail.com</u>, with a cc. to the Secretary General, Prof. Dr B. Reddya Naik (<u>brnaik@osmania.ac.in</u>) and the Executive Editor, JoMAPH (<u>rinatilak@hotmail.com</u>).
- (vii) Only electronic transactions will be made. The Awardees will be given 50% during the 17<sup>th</sup> SOMA International Conference and the remaining 50% will be forwarded on receipt of the project report duly certified by the HOD and endorsed by the Institutional Head after completion of six months from the date of award of grant. The project report should be received within 1 month from the completion of the project duration (six months).

Decision of the SOMA Adjudication Committee will be final, and should be respected.

Last date of receiving **'e-mail applications'** is: 10th Nov., 2024 (midnight IST).

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