“Research Wing of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics” Award for the best dissertation or thesis

Since 2018, the Research Wing of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics has been conferring an annual award for the best dissertation or thesis addressing old age issues for post-graduate students pursuing MD and MS degree courses in medical colleges in India.

Eligibility for consideration of thesis research award

1. The dissertation/thesis should include older subjects (more than 60 years of age), and the analysis should focus on their data.
2. The award is open to all post-graduate students pursuing or completing last year’s MD/MS/DNB degree course in medical colleges in India.
3. The dissertation/thesis can be submitted by any post-graduate students pursuing or completing last year’s MD/MS/DNB degree course in medical colleges in India.

Methodology of application

Applications are invited online only through mail to journal_geriatrics@yahoo.com.

1. The application should include a soft copy of the following documents in PDF format:

   I. A cover letter clearly defines the research question being addressed in the thesis, duly signed by the applicant, countersigned by the Guide, and forwarded by the Principal/Dean of the Medical College.

   II. An undertaking form (format given below), duly signed by the applicant, countersigned by the Guide, and forwarded by the Principal/Dean of the Medical College, must be attached to the cover letter.

   III. One-page structured summary of the work in 500-800 words should include an introduction, methods, results, discussion, and conclusion.

   IV. A soft copy of the thesis.

2. Eligible candidates can apply through their college before 15th August 2023 to journal_geriatrics@yahoo.com.
3. The selected candidate needs to send one hard copy of the original thesis work along with the cover letter, undertaking form and one-page structured summary of the work to the *Editor, Journal of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics, A 79, Shastri Nagar, Jodhpur 342003 Rajasthan*, before 1st September 2023.

4. It is also essential for the selected candidate to present salient features of their thesis work for about 15 minutes during the GERICON-2023. If the selected candidate fails to make a presentation during the GERICON-2023, the award shall not be conferred.

5. The selected thesis work will be published in the Journal of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics (JIAG). The chosen candidate must send their thesis work as an original article to be published in the next issue of JIAG (March issue).

6. The Research Wing of the Indian Academy of Geriatrics reserves all rights related to this award, including the right not to confer the award if the entry/entries are not of the desired standard.

**Details of the Award**

The award will include a certificate and cash prize of Rs 10,000.00 for the student.
**Criteria for judgement**

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**Submission form:** The submission form must include the following headings:

Thesis title.
Research question
Study design
Conclusion in one line
Number of pages in the thesis
Name of the post-graduate student
Name of the Guide
Name of Medical College (where the post-graduate students pursuing MD/MS degree course)
FORM OF UNDERTAKING

I, Dr. .......................................................................................................................... would like to submit as under:

1. That the research work embodied in the thesis/dissertation, entitled …………………… is my original work carried out under the guidance of Supervisor (Guide) Dr. …….. …………..
2. If selected for the award, I shall present the paper in the ensuing GERICON-2023.

Dated: .......... / .......... / ....

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Signature .......................................................... Countersigned ..........................................................
(Name of the post-graduate student) (Name of the Guide)

Forwarded by

(Principal/Dean)