



Society for Eczema Studies Postgraduate Thesis Grant

Dear friends,

Greetings from the Society for Eczema Studies.

As shared previously, one of the major stated objectives of the Society for Eczema Studies is to promote research on eczemas in the Indian context. In order to encourage our budding dermatologists to develop interest in research in this field, we are pleased to announce the institution of **3 postgraduate thesis grants of INR 1,00,000/- each in the inaugural year.**

The scope of the grants is for any form of eczema and is not limited to atopic eczema. The grant is intended to defray cost of consumables, laboratory investigations and contingencies. No expenses under non-recurring head like instruments/ equipment and salary for manpower is permitted. Isolated randomized controlled trials are not permitted. If partial funding is being sought from the Society for Eczema Studies and grant from other funder(s) is being applied for, the same may be stated and permission sought. However, please note that the same expense cannot be submitted to more than 1 funding agency for reimbursement.

Applications can be submitted by filling up the accompanying proposal submission form.

Both the applicant (postgraduate) and the Chief Guide should be members of the Society for Eczema studies, as applicable. For more information on how to become member of the Society, please visit <https://eczemasociety.net/>

Blinded applications will be evaluated by a Jury constituted for this purpose. Preference will be given to projects with direct relevance to study of eczema in Indian context. Novelty and methodology are other important parameters for assessment.

The projects can start and the first instalment of the grant will be transferred whenever the approval of the Institute Ethics Committee is in place. The second instalment will be transferred after successful completion of the thesis, submission of invoices and receipts (and a certificate that the expense is not submitted to other funding agency (ies) for reimbursement) as well as a synopsis of the findings. The findings will have to be presented in the Annual meeting of the Society for Eczema Studies in the year immediately succeeding the year of completion of the thesis. The findings of the study should be communicated for publication in any Pubmed indexed journal within 2 years of completion. The grant from the Society for Eczema Studies has to be acknowledged in the publication with the statement- Source of funding- Postgraduate Thesis Grant from the Society for Eczema Studies (year of approval of grant in bracket).

Please submit application by email to- sesresearchgrant@gmail.com. All the relevant documents need to be compressed in a .zip file and need to be sent by attachment to the email.

For any queries, kindly write to sesresearchgrant@gmail.com

The submission will start on June 20, 2022 and the last date for submission is August 31, 2022.

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Application form (For official use)

Title of thesis:

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Applicant information:

Name of the applicant:

Member of the Society for Eczema Studies: Yes (Membership Number.....) No
(If yes, please mention membership number)

Postal address:

Email: Mobile:..... Date of Birth:

Please submit a brief CV (as attached document):

Thesis Guide Information:

Name:

Speciality: Degree:

Member of the Society for Eczema Studies: Yes (Membership Number.....) No
(If yes, please mention membership number)

Affiliated college/ institution:

Postal address:

Mobile No: Email address:

Please submit a brief CV of the Guide (including number of publications as a single page attached document):

Thesis co-guide/s information:

Name:

Speciality: Degree:

Member of the Society for Eczema Studies: Yes (Membership Number.....) No
(If yes, please mention membership number)

Affiliated college/ institution:

Postal address:

Mobile No: Email address:

Please submit a brief CV of the Co-Guide (including number of publications as a single page attached document):



Details of place where the thesis will be conducted

Name of the college/ institution:

Postal address:

Declaration by applicant/ guide and all co-guides

- We hereby undertake to carry out this proposed thesis project as per plan submitted.
- We will provide details of expense whenever requested by the Society for Eczema Studies.
- We will submit a consolidated expense report along with original invoices and receipts of payment made against invoices at the end of the study.
- We confirm that the proposed thesis is our original study plan and there are no conflicts of interest with a pharmaceutical company or any other individual/agency/organization.
- We will abide by all terms and conditions related to the thesis grant that the Society for Eczema Studies have in force from time to time.
- We hereby undertake that if the thesis is not completed because of any reason, the applicant will refund the entire disbursed amount. The instalments related to the thesis grant will be transferred to the applicant’s account directly.
- If the first instalment (50% of the total sanctioned amount) is not spent or proper invoices/ receipts against expenses are not submitted, the balance amount will be refunded to the Society for Eczema Studies.
- We also undertake to submit a paper, based on the thesis, for presentation in the annual meeting of the Society for Eczema Studies in the meeting immediately succeeding the submission of thesis.
- We will submit the results of the study for publication in any Pubmed Indexed Journal of our choice within 2 years of completion of the thesis.
- The Chief Guide will be responsible and accountable for all aspects of the above project.

Signatures

-----) (Name of applicant-) (Name of Chief Guide-)

-----) (Name of Co-Guide 1-) (Name of Co-Guide 2-)

-----) (Name of co-guide 3-) (Name of co-Guide 4-)

Signature of principal/ Dean
Please affix an official seal bearing designation & address



Society for Eczema Studies Postgraduate Thesis Grant Application form

(Submit in Times New Roman, Font size 12, Font color black or dark blue, 1.5 spaced)

1. **Title of thesis**
2. **Whether the thesis is ongoing or yet to start**
3. **If ongoing- mention the probable date of submission of thesis**
4. **If ongoing- mention if you have obtained or planning to obtain grant from another funding agency**
5. **If yet to start- mention probable date of start and completion**
6. **Summary of the proposed research:** Maximum of 3 pages (A4) with normal margins. This is to highlight the available evidence, lacunae in available evidence and how you propose to close the gap.
7. **Brief review of literature-** Maximum of 5 pages (A4) with normal margins. Kindly avoid general review of literature. Focus only to the literature that is important to understand the objectives of the current research. At the end, please provide the summary of the existing literature in tabulated format. References should follow Vancouver style and should be complete. Give emphasis to the accuracy of references and their formatting.
8. **Aims and objectives.** Include only 1 primary objective. There may be none to many secondary objectives. Use the primary objective only for sample size calculation.
9. **Patients (or materials) and methods-** This should be detailed and should include study design, period of study, source of study participants, inclusion and exclusion criteria, enrolment of participants, proper definition of participants allocated to particular groups (if applicable), tools and technics, outcome parameters, etc. For laboratory investigations, mention the name of the equipment that you plan to use and the process that you will follow. These are important indicative sections. You can use any other section that you think relevant for execution of the study.
10. **Sample size calculation**



11. **Proposed statistical methods**
12. **Ethical justification of the study**
13. **Informed consent form** (As appendix 1)
14. **Patient information sheet** (English and vernacular) (As Appendix 2)
15. **Case record form** (As Appendix 3)
16. **CTRI Registration (For interventional studies):** (As Appendix 4)
17. **Budget requirements:** Detailed break-up and justification

	Items (provide details with quantity under each head)	Source of supply	Justification for budget	Amount (Rs)
	Chemicals/Reagents/Other Consumables			
	<i>(You may use as many rows as required)</i>			
	Stationery and contingencies (Upto INR 20,000/- only). This can also be used for statistical analysis. However, invoice and receipt need to be submitted.			
	Any other			
	Total			

(Note that equipment cannot be purchased. There is no provision for patient allowance, researcher honorarium, manpower requirement or travel allowance)

18. **Confirm whether the infrastructure required for the thesis is available with the Institute– Yes/ No**