



# INDIAN SOCIETY OF CLEFT LIP, PALATE AND CRANIOFACIAL ANOMALIES

## “ISCLPCA Fellow”

**Background and Philosophy:** Though India has many high volume centers, there is very little clinical research being done in proportion to the clinical material available. Without clinical research and looking at the outcome, the scope of improving quality care and improvising new protocols is limited. In addition, there is paucity of fund to support these young professionals who are keen to do research. Keeping this in mind, it was decided by the organizers of Cleft2017, Chennai that the interest of excess of 50 lakhs from International Cleft Congress 2017 will be used as sustenance grant for the Research Fellowship. **The Research Project will be of Clinical research and not basic science research.**

S.No	Item	Explanation
1	<b>Name of the Fellowship</b>	<i>“Cleft 2017 Clinical Research Fellowship awarded by ISCLP CA”.</i>
2	<b>Purpose/ Objective</b>	To promote, nurture and enhance high quality clinical research pertaining to care for individuals with cleft lip and palate and craniofacial anomalies
3	<b>Duration of the fellowship</b>	12 months
4	<b>Candidate Eligibility</b>	
	Who Can apply	Any member of ISCLPCA (Life Member)
	Age Limit of the Applicant	45 years
	Membership Status	Life member/ Associate member of good standing of ISCLCPA
	Completed Graduation/Post Graduation/PhD	Not later than 3 years after completion of the degrees
	Full time/ Part time	Fellow has to take this as a full time opportunity. This project cannot be taken concurrent with other project or during training.
	Foreign Fellow	Should be a Associate member



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	Specialties	Plastic Surgery Maxillofacial Surgery Speech Language Pathologist and Therapist Orthodontics Pedodontics Prosthodontics ENT Clinical Psychology Nursing
<b>5</b>	<b>Requirement of the Center</b>	
	Centre	Which is providing comprehensive cleft care for at least a period of 5 years It can be a private/government/semi government organization
	Availability of clinical material	Minimum 3 in indexed journal of repute as first or second author.
	Frequency of application	Same center will not apply for the fellowship after a successful application for the next 3 years
<b>6</b>	<b>Requirement of the Guide</b>	
		Life Member/ Associate member of good standing of ISCLPCA for at least 5 years
		Additional training in research obtained will enhance the eligibility of the guide
		Guide should have published at least 5 papers in peer reviewed <i>pubmed</i> indexed journal
		Fellowship grant will not be given to the same guide for consecutive years



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<b>7</b>	<b>Requirement of the research proposal</b>	
	Research proposal	<p>Well defined aims and objectives</p> <p>Novelty of the area</p> <p>Possibility of the results (outcome) adding to existing knowledge</p> <p>Good and robust methodology</p> <p>Appropriate statistical methods</p> <p>Appropriate ethical approval from a recognized ethical committee- Candidate and guide's responsibility</p> <p>Any extra expenditure anticipated - is planned and provisioned in the proposal</p>
	Interim report	The fellow needs to send interim report 6 monthly to the association to approve the further continuation of fellowship.
<b>8</b>	<b>Utilization of Funds</b>	
	Corpus Funds	Interest of the corpus will be utilized as a financial support/stipend to the fellow. It is a total of Rs 25000 per month ( Rs 20000 to be paid monthly and the remaining Rs 5000 to be paid cumulatively after the submission of final project and approval of the guide.
	Mode of Payment	Cheque or an online transfer of funds directly to the fellow's account/ or to the fellow with the approval of the center head.
	Foreign Fellow	Cheque or an online transfer of funds directly to fellows account/ or to the fellow with the approval of the center head
	Who will pay	The Hon Treasurer of ISCLP CA
	Additional Funds	If there is any other available fund with centre, they can augment the research fund. However the nomenclature, evaluation, authorship, and publication guidelines will remain same.



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9	<b>Deadlines and Important Dates</b>	
	Proposal to be submitted to the head office by the candidates	<b><u>31<sup>st</sup> December 2019</u></b>
	Commencement of the project	<b><u>1st April 2020</u></b>
10	<b>Final Report, Ownership of the data, Publication and conference presentation</b>	The final outcome should be submitted in thesis form to ISCLP CA. The research outcome will be presented at ISCLP CA meeting.
		The data belongs jointly to the candidate, guide and ISCLP CA
		Candidate should be the first author in publication and presentations
		Guide should be the corresponding author
		Funding of ISCLP CA MUST be acknowledged
		At least one of the publications from this research should be published in JCLPCA.
11.	<b>Security</b>	A Bond to be signed in Rs.10 non-judicial stamp paper and notarized that the candidate will complete the project in stipulated time, with a grace period of 6 months. The funding will be for 12 months and the candidate will not receive any remuneration during the grace period if any.