



# Indian Immunology Society

## Nominations are invited for the following awards

### A. IIS Awards

1. IIS Senior Scientist Oration Award (One)
2. IIS Mid-career Scientist Award (One)
3. GP Talwar Young Scientist Award (Two)
4. Translational Immunol & Acad-Industry Award (One)
5. Student Travel Bursaries (Ten for IIS Members)

### B. IIS Special Sponsored Awards

1. Polyfeenolix-IIS Best Teacher Award (One)
2. IIS Golden Jubilee Oration Award (One)

### C. Immunocon-2024 Awards

1. Student Travel Awards (Ten)
2. Poster Presentation Awards (Ten)



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## A. General guidelines for submission of 'Nomination' for IIS-Awards

### 1. General information:

- a. Announcement: This call is for IIS-awards with the announcement for the 51st Annual Conference and General Body Meeting of the Indian Immunology Society (Immunocon-2024).
- b. Nomination/application: Only Life members of the Indian Immunology Society excluding the office holders of IIS Executive Committee would be eligible for nomination/application for all Three types of IIS Awards. Self- nomination would also be acceptable.

**2. Procedure/selection:** The applications/nominations on prescribed 'IIS-Award Nomination Form' along with supporting documents to be submitted to the 'Secretariat office' of the IIS, on/before 30th September, 2024 would only be considered. The applications/nominations would be referred to an 'Expert panel of Reviewers' to be constituted by the IIS-EC. For Senior/Mid-career awards, there will be at least Three independent 'Reviewers', who will NOT be members of current IIS-EC. The members of Expert panel would have declared 'No Conflict of Interest'. The applications will be scored independently by each reviewer. The selection of candidate for each award will be made by compilation of scores/recommendations of the Expert reviewers by the Executive Committee of IIS.

### 3. Guidelines for constitution of Expert Panel of Reviewers:

- i. The Expert panel of Three Reviewers will be elected by the IIS-EC members. ii) No EC member from current IIS-EC would be the member of this Expert Panel.
- ii. The members of 'Expert Panel' so elected would be required to send in a 'No Conflict of Interest' declaration along with the acceptance to be a reviewer.
- iii. Each Reviewer will review each application independently and submit his score- sheet directly to the President-IIS.
- iv. The President-IIS would in-turn discuss the scores with all EC members and then select one nomination for each of Senior- and Mid-career award for that year.
- v. President-IIS will then send a Letter of intimation to the 'awardee' and invite him/her to the upcoming Immunocon for oration.

### 4. Award Categories: There are three IIS award categories:

#### 1) IIS Senior Scientist Oration Award: 1(One)

##### i. Eligibility:

This is the highest award bestowed by IIS in recognition of a scientist's significant research, education, and service contributions to society. The work must have been done primarily in India. The award will be open to a person in the age group of 50 years or above (as on the



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last date of submission of nominations), who has been a long-standing member (at least 10 years) of Indian Immunology Society, leader in the field of Immunology, a citizen of India with the significant accomplishments as documented by the track-record of scientific achievements in addition to contribution to Immunology Society. The award would carry a cash prize, a certificate of honour, a medal and travel support. The nominee should have attended at least Three IIS conferences in last 5 years. The applicant would provide an official web link (google- scholar link after correction for self-publications only and/or university/institute web link giving details of credentials and a brief note on:

- A) Statement of research achievements and Outreach (200 words max).
- B) Contributions to teaching and promotion of Immunology (200 words max)

**ii. Selection:** As described above under Point 2 & 3 of general guidelines.

**iii. Presentation of the awards:**

The selected candidate would be informed and invited through a 'Letter of Invitation' from the President of IIS. The awardee would be required to make an oration of 30 minutes duration in a 'Special session' to be scheduled preferably on the first day of the conference (IMMUNOCON) (generally before lunch) to be chaired/co-chaired by President and Secretary-IIS. Secretary-IIS would read a 'citation' in favour of the awardee giving details of his/her achievements and a stalwart in Immunology/ prominent personality/President-IIS would confer the award after the oration.

## 2) IIS Mid-Career Scientist Award: 1(One)

**i. Eligibility:**

The award is to recognize the outstanding contributions of a mid-career scientist between the age group of 35-50 years (as on the last date of submission of nomination for award that year) in basic and applied Immunology research and education. The work must have been done primarily in India. The nominee should be an IIS life member for at least 5 years and should have attended at least Two IIS conferences in last 5 years. The award would carry a cash prize, a certificate of honour, a medal and travel support. The applicant/nominee should provide an official web link (google-scholar link after correction for self-publications only or university/institute web link giving details of credentials and a brief note of:

- A) Statement of research achievements and Outreach (200 words max).
- B) Contributions to teaching and promotion of Immunology (200 words max)

**ii. Selection:** As described above under Point 2 & 3 of general guidelines.

**iii. Presentation of the awards:**

The President-IIS will invite the Mid-career awardee through a 'Letter of Invitation'. The awardee would be required to make a (25+5 minutes) presentation of his/her work open to question/answers by the audience in a special session to be scheduled preferably on Day-2 of



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the conference to be chaired/co-chaired by Two Vice-Presidents of IIS to be nominated by the President-IIS. The award will be presented by a Senior Immunologist/dignitary/President-IIS after the oration.

### 3) G.P Talwar Young Scientist Awards: 2 (Two)

#### i. Eligibility:

The award is to recognize outstanding research achievements by young scientists below 35 years of age (as on the last date of submission of nomination for award that year).

The applicant/nominee must be actively doing original research in any area of Immunology in India. The nominee should be a life member of IIS for at least 2 years and should have attended at least one IIS meeting in last 5 years. The awards carry a cash prize, a certificate of honour, a medal and travel support.

#### ii. Application/nomination:

The nomination/application for the GPT Young Scientist Awards should be submitted through the Head of the department or Supervisor (PI) of the candidate. It should include a copy of CV of the candidate, list of papers published (if any) and an abstract of the work to be presented.

#### iii. Selection:

The EC will short-list up to Eight nominations based on the recommendations of the Expert committee to be nominated by President-IIS. The Joint secretary will invite the short-listed applicants through a 'Letter of Invitation'. The short-listed candidates will be required to make oral presentations of 8 minutes to be followed by 2 minutes of discussion in a special session in the conference to be chaired/co-chaired by Secretary and Jt. Secretary of IIS. The President/EC will nominate Three independent judges (non-EC members) for this session (with No Conflict of Interest), who will evaluate the presentations during the presentation session and score according to the score-sheet provided to them. The final Two GPT Young Scientist Awardees will be selected based on the scores of these nominated Judges.

#### iv. Award presentation:

The Two GPT awardees will be announced during the 'Valedictory function' of the conference (IMMUNOCON) and the awards will be conferred by the President of IIS or a dignitary.



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## 4) Translational Immunol & Acad-Industry Award (One)

The Prof. & Mrs. Narinder K. Mehra Award for Translational Immunology and Academia-Industry Partnership is established to recognize Indian Immunologists who are making significant contributions to the crucial field of medical innovation on a global scale.

This award will be open to all Indian Immunologists promoting the much needed area of medical innovations globally.

The recipient of the award will be honoured with a citation along with a cash prize of One Lakh Rupees (1,00,000).

Please visit the IIS website ([www.indianimmunologysociety.org](http://www.indianimmunologysociety.org)) for further details and application procedures.

## 5) Student Travel Bursaries (Ten for IIS Members)

### Eligibility and guidelines for travel grant to attend 51st Annual meeting of the Indian Immunology society meeting

- i. The applicant should be a member of the Indian Immunology Society from last two years (as of the 17th October 2024).
- ii. The applicant should be below 35 years of age.
- iii. The applicant should be a registered Ph.D candidate/ Project fellow/ Research assistant/ Project assistant etc. (Instructors/ Assistant Professor/ Faculty/ Scientist/ Research Scientist/ Project Scientist etc. are not eligible).
- iv. A recommendation letter from the mentor/Reporting authority that the applicant has no other sources of funding to attend the meeting.
- v. The applicant must have an abstract submitted to the meeting.
- vi. The travel grant winner will be eligible for reimbursement of registration fee and III AC return fare from official place of work to Bengaluru.
- vii. The applicants are eligible to get a maximum of Rs 10000 (ten thousand only) towards travel and Registration.
- viii. If the number of eligible candidates are less than the budgeted number of grants (travel + registration), the IIS will give "registration alone" reimbursement to local candidates.

### Documents to be sent with travel grant application

- i. Cover letter with complete address of place of work and name of the railway station travelling from/to Bengaluru. (If the candidate decides to travel by air, he /she will be reimbursed the 3 Tier AC return fare as calculated from Nearest Railway station of place of work to Bengaluru along with the registration fee)
- ii. Proof of registration
- iii. Proof of abstract submission (Attach copy of abstract as well)
- iv. Brief CV
- v. Proof of age.



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**Note: Bind all documents in one single file in PDF format and email them**

The IIS secretariat Email: [iisexecutive2024@gmail.com](mailto:iisexecutive2024@gmail.com) & Copy to the treasurer (IIS) Email: [treasureriis2022@gmail.com](mailto:treasureriis2022@gmail.com)

Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Documents to be submitted for reimbursement after the meeting

- i. Cover letter
- ii. Original bill of registration
- iii. Copy of train ticket or Original Boarding pass if travelling by air.



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## B. General guidelines for submission of 'Nomination' for IIS Special Sponsored Awards

### 1. General information:

**a. Announcement:** This call is for IIS Special Sponsored awards with the announcement for the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference and General Body Meeting of the Indian Immunology Society (Immunocon-2024).

**b. Nomination/application:** These awards are open for nomination/application to all the Immunologists including Life Members of Indian Immunology Society excluding the office holders of IIS Executive Committee. Self- nomination would also be acceptable.

### 2. Procedure/selection

The applications/nominations on prescribed 'IIS-Award Nomination Form' along with supporting documents to be submitted to the 'Secretariat office' of the IIS, on/before 30th September, 2024 would only be considered. The applications/nominations would be referred to an 'Expert panel of Reviewers' to be constituted by the IIS-EC. There will be at least Three independent 'Reviewers', who will NOT be members of current IIS-EC. The members of Expert panel would have declared 'No Conflict of Interest'. The applications will be scored independently by each reviewer. The selection of candidate for each award will be made by the Special Committees constituted by the Sponsors including the IIS President and IIS Secretary on the basis of provided compilation of scores/recommendations of the Expert reviewers endorsed by the Executive Committee of IIS.

### 3. Guidelines for constitution of Expert Panel of Reviewers:

- i. The Expert panel of Three Reviewers will be elected by the IIS-EC members.
- ii. No EC member from current IIS-EC would be the member of this Expert Panel.
- iii. The members of 'Expert Panel' so elected would be required to send in a 'No Conflict of Interest' declaration along with acceptance to be a reviewer.
- iv. Each Reviewer will review each application independently and submit his score- sheet directly to the President-IIS.
- v. The President-IIS would in-turn discuss the scores with all EC members and then forward the list to the award specific selection committees.
  - (1) 'Polyfeenolix IIS Best Teacher Award Selection Committee' to select one nomination for the Senior- and one nomination for the Mid-career Polyfeenolix IIS Best Teacher award or two nominations from the same category for that year.
  - (2) 'IIS Golden Jubilee Oration Award Selection Committee' to select one nomination.
- vi. President-IIS will then send a Letter of intimation to the 'awardee' and invite him/her to the upcoming IMMUNOCON-2024.



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## 1. Polyfeenolix-IIS Best Immunology Teacher Award (Two)

### i. Eligibility:

The two awards are to recognize outstanding Teaching and research achievements in any area of Immunology by the Senior (above 50 years of age) and Mid-Career Teachers (35-≤50 years of age) (as on the last date of submission of nomination for award that year). The applicant/nominee must be actively pursuing Teaching and doing original research in any area of Immunology in India. The nominee may or may not be a life member of IIS. The awards carry a cash prize, a certificate of honour, a medal and travel support.

### ii. Application/nomination: The applicant would provide the duly filled form for the award along with

1. A very brief CV with information about affiliation and publications with an official web link (google-scholar link after correction for self-publications only and/or university/institute web link giving details of credentials).
2. A list of recognitions at the state or national level which has been received by the applicant for excellence in teaching.
3. List of six former students of the Applicant giving names, and years of their study period under the applicant, and contact details including their emails and mobile numbers.
4. A brief write-up highlighting dedication to teaching, motivational skills, evidence of innovative teaching methods/materials, functioning as a role model, and other qualities (not exceeding 1,000 words).
5. A brief note highlighting other academic activities in addition to regular duties, such as general/popular articles/lectures on science, organizing seminars/ workshops, outreach activities, etc. (not exceeding 100 words).
6. A list of equipment designed and fabricated and/or papers published on education in journals/magazines with state/national/international circulation.
7. Any other information the applicant may wish to provide about herself/himself and about innovation in teaching and evaluation of students, promoting social responsibility amongst students, about teaching and interaction with the students outside the class room.

### iii. Selection: As described above under Point 2 & 3 of general guidelines (B).

The selection of teachers for the awards will be done based on their performance in the following indicative areas:

1. Innovative pedagogy and joyful learning - in order to ensure that education is maximally relatable, relevant, interesting, and effective for our students.
2. Use of technology for learning – Innovating and channelling cost-effective tech resources for enriching classroom learning, creating content using ICT as envisioned under NEP.





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3. Learning material and mentorship – Creation of low-cost teaching learning materials, undertaking mentorship and nurturance beyond classroom walls for holistic development of students.
4. Engagement of community – Mobilizing stakeholders in the community and engage them meaningfully in various school development activities.
5. Governance – Strengthening school administration by adopting innovative measures to improve attendance, school management systems, staff training, programme monitoring, etc.
6. Delivery of FLN – Adoption of various strategies to improve foundational literacy and numeracy skills in school

## iv) Presentation of the awards:

The President-IIS will invite the awardees through a 'Letter of Invitation'. The awards will be presented by a Senior Immunologist/dignitary/President-IIS and a senior representative of Polyfeenolix in a special session of the conference.

## 1. IIS Golden Jubilee Oration Award (One)

### i. Eligibility:

The award is to recognize a globally acclaimed Immunologist with outstanding research/teaching/ industry achievements in any area of Immunology with relevance to public health (no age bar). The nominee may or may not be a life member of IIS. The award carries a cash prize, a certificate of honour, and a medal.

### ii. Application/nomination:

The applicant would provide CV along with an official web link (google-scholar link after correction for self-publications only and/or university/institute web link giving details of credentials and a brief note on:

A) Statement of achievements and outreach (200 words max).

B) Contributions to research, teaching, industry and promotion of Immunology (200 words max)

### iii. Selection: As described above under Point 2 & 3 of general guidelines.

### iv. Presentation of the awards:

The President-IIS will invite the Golden Jubilee Oration awardee through a 'Letter of Invitation'. The awardee would be required to make a (30 minutes) presentation of his/her work in a special session of the conference to be chaired/co-chaired by a Senior IIS member, President, IIS and a senior representative of Intrust-Consulting LLP. The award will be presented after the oration by a Senior Immunologist/dignitary/President- IIS and a senior representative of Intrust-Consulting LLP.



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## C. General guidelines for submission of 'Nomination' for Immunocon-2024 Awards

### 1. Student Travel Award (Ten)

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- ix. The applicant should be a member of the Indian Immunology Society from last two years.
- x. The applicant should be below 35 years of age.
- xi. The applicant should be a registered Ph.D. candidate/ Project fellow/ Research assistant/ Project assistant/ Project Associates/ Research Associates (RA) etc (Instructors / Assistant professor/Faculty/Scientist/Research Scientist/Project Scientist etc are not eligible)
- xii. A recommendation letter from the mentor/Reporting authority that the applicant has no other sources of funding to attend the meeting.
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## 2. Poster Presentation Awards (Ten)

- i. About 10 posters will be awarded during the final concluding session on 20th Oct 2024.
- ii. The 4 best posters will receive a special award from FEBS Journal.
- iii. Students should ensure that they are present in front of the posters on their allocated date during the 2 to 3:30 pm poster sessions on 17th-19th October 2024.
- iv. Also, students are encouraged to stay until the final session for the announcement of the prizes.