

1. ICMART Young Scientist Award: Formal Entry Criteria

A. Primary Eligibility

Entry is strictly limited to individuals who meet **one** of the following at the time of the submission deadline:

- **Enrolled Students:** Undergraduate medical students or Master's/PhD candidates.
- **Clinical Trainees:** Physicians or medical healthcare providers currently in a residency or fellowship program.
- **Early Post-Docs:** Researchers within **five (5) years** of being awarded their terminal degree (MD, PhD, or equivalent)
- **Age Eligibility:** Researchers must be aged 40 years or below on the submission deadline.”
- **One Submission:** Only one submission is permitted per candidate; multiple entries will not be considered.

B. Absolute Exclusions

The following individuals are **ineligible**, regardless of age:

1. **Senior Academic Rank:** Anyone holding the title of Associate Professor, Full Professor, or Department Chair.
2. **Independent Status:** Any researcher who is (or has been) the Lead Principal Investigator (PI) on a major national or international research grant.
3. **Prior Winners:** Past recipients of the ICMART Young Scientist Award are ineligible for a second win in this category.
4. **Time-Barred:** Anyone more than 5 years post-degree who does not qualify for a formal "Career Extension" (see Section D).

C. Authorship & Participation Rules

- **First Author Only:** The applicant must be the **first author** listed on the paper.
- **Mandatory Presenter:** If selected, the award is contingent upon the applicant **personally** presenting the work at the ICMART Congress. Substitutions by senior co-authors are not permitted.
- **Recency:** The research must have been completed or published within the last **24 months**.

D. Career Extension Policy

Applicants may extend the 5-year eligibility window for documented career interruptions. Extensions are granted as follows:

- **Parental Leave:** 12 months extension per child.
- **Medical Leave:** Extension equal to the documented duration of illness/disability.
- **Clinical Service:** Documented periods of 100% clinical duty with no research time allocated.

2. Supervisor's Statement of Contribution (Template)

This document must be signed by the Senior Author/Supervisor and uploaded as a PDF.

To the ICMART Scientific Committee:

I, [Supervisor Name], acting as the Senior Author/Principal Investigator for the submitted research titled "[Title of Research Paper]", hereby certify the following regarding the applicant, [Applicant Name]:

1. **Status Confirmation:** I confirm the applicant is currently a [Student / Resident / Post-Doc] at [Institution Name].
2. **Intellectual Lead:** I certify that the applicant performed the vast majority of the work (minimum 75%), including the primary study design, data collection, and initial drafting of the manuscript.
3. **Junior Status:** I confirm that the applicant does not hold an independent Principal Investigator (PI) role or a senior faculty rank.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Title/Position: _____

Applicants must submit a CV and signed eligibility declaration.