

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. For STS 2012 program, the last date for receiving ONLINE completed applications with research proposal and other enclosures is **25th January, 2012**. Proposals sent by e-mail will not be considered. The application form has to be filled in and submitted online as per detailed instructions provided. No hard copies of the proposal shall be received or considered.
2. The student must carry out the research in his/ her own medical college under the guide who is employed in the medical college as a faculty member.
3. Only permanent full time faculty members working in any of the Department of the Medical College where the student is enrolled, can act as the guide. Part time consultants/visiting faculty/ residents/ Pool officers/ PG students cannot be the guide.
4. Not more than one student will be allowed to work under one guide. Two or more students are not permitted to work on same topic together. Proposals submitted on the same topic by different students are liable to be rejected outright. The student may have one Guide and other Co-Guides. However, ICMR will recognize only ONE main Guide for all purposes.
5. The student should obtain a clearance from the Institutional Ethics Committee (IEC) if the proposal involves research on human participants and from Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) if the work involves use of animals. Informed consent is to be obtained for research on human participants. For more information please refer to ICMR “Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research on Human Participants 2006” available on http://icmr.nic.in/ethical_guidelines.pdf
6. If the proposal is accepted, Institutional Ethics Committee approval should be obtained from the medical college where the student is enrolled before initiating research.
7. **The student should have all documents ready before filling up online application form (Research proposal/ Application attestation form/ other enclosures like IEC approval, Informed consent form, Case record forms, Questionnaire etc).**
8. Scanned documents *i.e.* Application Attestation Form, Ethics Committee Clearance or other files *viz.*, Case record, Questionnaire etc. should be submitted as PDF file only. Only PDF files can be uploaded on ICMR website and other formats *viz.* MS. Word, JPEG *etc.* will not be accepted.
9. Students who were unable to complete their STS 2011 project can re-apply for STS 2012 with the same project or select a new topic. Please note that no special preference will be given and all proposals received will be treated like new applications.
10. **Students/Guides are requested to submit STS applications well in advance and not to wait for the last date and avoid the last minute rush.** The Council will not be responsible in case the student is unable to submit the proposal/ project in time due to any reason whatsoever.
11. Students are requested to visit ICMR website (www.icmr.nic.in) and comply with instructions updated from time to time about STS program.

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