

SCHOLARSHIPS

IACAN YOUTH PROGRAM

South Asian Cancer Health Research Scholarship 2024

The IACAN Youth program is pleased to announce an opportunity to apply for scholarships to support South Asian cancer health research among students of South Asian origin. This program aims to support young scholars in contributing to South Asian health literature through innovative research ideas. The program will provide a one-time, merit-based fund for exceptional research proposals from undergraduate and graduate students of South Asian origin who are enrolled in Texas-based universities and US residents (US citizens, Permanent Residents, or eligible visa holders residing in the US). The awardee is expected to submit a project report by **July 31st 2025**. The research must be consistent with IACAN's mission and vision.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

All scholarship-related queries will be sent to scholarship@iacannetwork.org

Application Process:

Extended deadline: Saturday, June 8th 2024 at 5:00pm

Applicants must submit the following:

- CV
- Two reference letters (one must be from the faculty mentor)

In close consultation with the mentor, the applicant prepares a one-page proposal consisting of the following:

- Significance of the problem (1/3 page)
- What is/are your specific goal(s) (1/3 page)
- Your role in achieving these goals. (1/3 page)

FUNDING

South Asian Cancer Health Research Scholarship entails undergraduate scholarships of \$500 and graduate scholarships of \$1000.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applications will be accepted from graduate or undergraduate students enrolled in a Texas-based University.
- Applicant should be a resident of the United States (US citizen, permanent resident, or residing in the U.S. for at least the last 6 months)
- Applicant may submit only one proposal as scholar.

CRITERIA OF THE PROPOSAL

- The scholarship will be a one-time fund based on the merit of the research proposal.
- The research must be conducted by a single individual.
- The outcome of the research must be consistent with the mission and vision of IACAN.
- The proposal must be unique.

- If a repeat and/or follow-up study, it must either be on a new population, or use a new methodology or data or have an added component (intervention, etc.)
- The scope of the work must include studies associated with
 - intervention development, dissemination, implementation, or evaluation of cancer health programs in IACAN (e.g., bone marrow/stem cell donation, cancer screening, cancer vaccination, survivorship, community health research)

OR

- Any clinical, epidemiologic, behavioral Science, population health assessment, or global health studies, e.g., cancer screening, bone marrow donation, nutrition, physical activity, mind-body health, and general South Asian health issues.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Applications will be peer-reviewed by the scholarship program review committee comprised of experts. Reviewers will evaluate and score the proposals based on the following criteria:

- **Significance:** Explain how the proposed research project will improve scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or clinical practice in one or more broad fields
- **Innovation:** Does the application impact current research or clinical practice by utilizing new theoretical concepts and methodologies?
- **Approach:** Are the overall strategy, methodology, and analyses well-reasoned and appropriate to accomplish the specific aims of the project?
- **Feasibility:** Adequate institutional support, equipment, and other physical resources must be available for the project proposed.
- **Timeliness/milestones:** Having feasible milestones for the proposed project plan.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

The Scholarship program will notify the applicants of the review outcome via email on **August 15th 2024**. The anticipated project start date is **September 1st 2024**.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDEES

Awardees are expected to present their Research proposal and a 3 month progress report at the IACAN Annual Volunteers Meeting in early December 2024.

Awardees are expected to send a written report of their project updates to the scholarship program leadership by **July 31st 2025**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

For any publications or findings resulting from this award, the following acknowledgment must be included: “This work was supported by the South Asian Cancer Health Research Scholarship as a part of the Youth Program of the Indian American Cancer Network (IACAN).”