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Dear AOMSI Members,

Subject: Encouragement for Research Initiatives

We are delighted to inform you of a significant development within our association aimed at promoting and supporting research endeavors among our members. As part of our ongoing commitment to advancing the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery, the Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India (AOMSI) has decided to allocate a dedicated seed fund of 2 lakh rupees per year to facilitate research projects.

This fund has been earmarked to support a minimum of 10 research projects annually, with each project receiving financial assistance from AOMSI. The selection of projects will be based on a thorough review process conducted by the AOMSI Research Committee, ensuring that funds are allocated to projects with the greatest potential for impact and contribution to our field.

We believe that encouraging and supporting research initiatives among our members is crucial for driving innovation, enhancing patient care, and advancing the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery in India. By providing financial support and resources to researchers within our community, we aim to foster a culture of inquiry, collaboration, and excellence.

We encourage all members who are interested in pursuing research projects to submit their proposals to the AOMSI Research Committee for consideration. Proposals will be evaluated based on their scientific merit, feasibility, and potential impact on the field.

We would like to express our gratitude to the AOMSI Research Committee for their diligent efforts in overseeing this initiative and ensuring that research funds are allocated effectively and responsibly.

Together, let us seize this opportunity to drive forward the frontiers of knowledge and make meaningful contributions to our profession.

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to seeing the exciting research endeavors that emerge from this initiative.

Jai Hind

Warm regards,

Dr. Bhagavandas Rai A
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Dr. S Girish Rao
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1. AOMSI Research grant [AOMSI-RG]

Happy to initiate the AOMSI research Grants for all members of AOMSI, it will be a breakthrough in the journey of AOMSI research, a small step towards the inculcation of research attitude among the AOMSI fraternity, and showcasing the robust evidence from AOMSI. The pioneering steps in the field of OMFS from AOMSI are applauded. It is a matter of pride to announce the first-of-its-kind decision to support research work. From the research committee, I am happy to invite all members to apply for this research grant. Its beginning steps to recognize and encourage AOMSI colleagues to step forward for better evidence creation. Looking forward to receiving the proposal across all thematic areas, request everyone encourage the colleagues and come forward as a team to accomplish the goal.

Warm regards,

S/d-

Dr.Vivekanand Kattimani

Chairman, Research Committee -AOMSI

Guidelines for grant of Financial Assistance for Research Grant, for members of AOMSI.

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1. AOMSI RESEARCH GRANTS: [AOMSI-RG]

Introduction:

AOMSI-RG is funded and administered by AOMSI to support the life members of AOMSI to carry out research in oral and maxillofacial surgery, advanced technology, Innovations, Plan concepts and design [PoC] for translational research, self-sustainability for self-reliance and make in India for protocols, designs, etc.

AOMSI members who have shown excellence in their fields are considered for the grant. The Research grant is given to only those Members, Clinicians, fellows, senior lecturers, readers, and professors who are in continuous regular service in a recognized institution/hospital, or organizations on permanent/part-time posts and are under 60 years of age at the time of submission of application. The AOMSI-RG can be availed by members once only.

Financial Assistance for Research Programs is meant to allow teams of independent researchers to develop new lines of research through a new collaboration. Priority will be given to novel research projects. Applicants for research proposals are encouraged to include independent AOMSI Member investigators early in their careers as members of their team. A minimum of one PI and CO-PI must be there for the proposal.

Objectives:

- i. The objectives of the scheme are to provide opportunities to all AOMSI members who regularly attend conferences, and clinicians/ permanent/part-time teachers of universities/institutions to pursue research in their area(s) of specialization for a period of one year.
- ii. A provision for an extension of tenure of the Research Grant can made for another one year only on the recommendation of the subject experts in exceptional cases without any further funding.
- iii. A total number of 10 grants (20000 Rs each) are available under the scheme every year.

- iv. In order to remain in touch with the latest developments in respective areas of teaching and research, the members may take advantage of AOMSI help from universities/institutes/labs as AOMSI will consider collaborating with them. No additional funds will be given for this.

Target Group/Eligibility:

- i. Must be a member of AOMSI and at least must have attended three national AOMSI conferences and have shown an aptitude for research may apply for the Grant.
- ii. The members in their early careers are encouraged and postgraduates also can apply provided they have a proven track record along with guide as PI and another faculty as Co-PI to complete the responsibility of research objectives.
- iii. They must have been published papers/ articles in reputed/referred journals and have made contributions to collaborative research earlier.
- iv. Applicants will be eligible for only one grant in each funding period. Grants are subject to an all-inclusive maximum of Rs.20000/- for any application.
- v. The applicant should be able to take lectures/discussions and demonstrations as part of the research.
- vi. **Proposals will be considered based on the following:**
 - a.) Scholarly quality that will enhance the visibility of the AOMSI which values high-quality research.
 - b.) Residents/post-graduate students must have a letter of support from their supervisor who is an AOMSI member.
 - c.) The applicant must have a letter of support from their institution where applicable.
- vii. The members of the AOMSI and Research Committee constitute the Selection Committee. AOMSI Board of Councillors receives the recommendations of the Research Committee and will make the final Grant decisions.

AOMSI-RG: General Guidelines

- i. Funds may be requested for research project support, including research assistance, computer time, printing and copying, secretarial support, etc. Travel will not be included and only funding that is directed at the research project will be considered. AOMSI-RG that supports the work of clinicians/residents/post-graduate students are especially encouraged.
- ii. Funds may be requested for start-up, or pilot projects, or to permit the completion of a project already substantially underway.
- iii. For applications where the approval of an ethics/ review committee or other such committees needs to be sought (e.g., research involving human or animal subjects or research with considerable environmental impact), documentation showing approval from the applicant's institution is required before funds will be released from the AOMSI. A person can apply for a research grant with an ethics application pending and the funds will be released upon approval.
- iv. The Research committee members will not be a part of the review board.
- v. **The following projects are not eligible for funding:**
 - a). Any project relating to work that is deemed by the Research Committee as done primarily with a commercial as opposed to a scholarly or creative objective.
 - b) Any project funded by a contracting agency (e.g., government, private business) that is deemed by the Research Committee as done primarily with a commercial as opposed to a scholarly or creative objective.
- vi. **Funds may be allocated specifically** for the purchase of equipment/materials required for a research project. A request for funding to purchase or lease equipment/materials must be specifically justified by the applicant's research program.
- vii. All equipment requests must be supported by a vendor quotation of cost.

Topics of research interest:

- i. All thrust areas mentioned in the call for proposal document.
- ii. 3D technology
- iii. AR-VR
- iv. Stem cells
- v. Antimicrobial resistance
- vi. Maxillofacial traumatology
- vii. Facial aesthetic surgeries
- viii. Hair transplant
- ix. Any interesting topic but not limited to the above only.

Application procedure for the AOMSI-RG:

- i. The AOMSI will invite applications for these grants/announce them during the conferences/ through a notification in Email/social media.
- ii. Applicants should submit proposals on the prescribed application form found on the AOMSI Website. www.aomsi.com.
- iii. Respond to all items on the application form.
- iv. Attach a brief proposal describing the research to be undertaken. Research proposals should include sufficient detail for the scientific merit to be evaluated, as well as justification of the roles and qualifications of proposed research assistants, and justification of all budget items in the context of the research.
- v. Grant decisions are based on information about the proposed research project that addresses justification of research, research objectives, applicant familiarity with the relevant literature, and the relevance of the project for the AOMSI and society.
- vi. The discussion of the project must include broadly the following subheadings:
 - a). Objective of the study
 - b). Summary of the research project
 - c). Review of literature
 - . d)Materials and methods
 - e). Experimental design/statistical analysis

- f). Expected outcomes
- g). Relevance of findings
- vii. The form with attachments is then forwarded to the Chairman of the Research Committee. Within the given deadline for application/ submitted online in the website under the research tab.
- viii. Incomplete proposals or proposals received after the last date will not be entertained.
- ix. The committee reserves the right to select the members/organization based on their eligibility, capability, area of work, expertise, etc. No correspondence on reasons for non-selection of the proposal will be entertained by the AOMSI.
- x. The grants will be announced at conferences.

Procedure for Release of Grants by AOMSI:

- i. The AOMSI will release the sanction letter to the PI during the announcement.
- ii. The grant will be released after the submission of the final report and submission of work to JMOSI for publication along with the statement of expenditure and utilization certificate (form SE, UC).
- iii. Any claim submitted by the awardee should be forwarded through the proper channel where the awardee is working.

Procedure for Monitoring the Progress:

- i. The AOMSI-RG awardee shall submit a mid-term progress report of the research work through proper channel if working in Institution.
- ii. It will be considered by the expert committee of AOMSI for mid-term evaluation. In case the research work is found unsatisfactory, the AOMSI-RG will be discontinued.
- iii. On completion of the project, one copy of the final report of the project should be submitted by the awardee through the proper channel to the AOMSI along with an abstract and JOMSI.
- iv. In the consolidated report, the awardee must outline the objectives set forth and objectives achieved, along with the possible application of the research output and names of user agencies/organizations and industries that can take advantage of the research.

- v. The awardee must also mention in the research publication that the research has been sponsored by the AOMSI-RG.
- vi. Copies of the final report will be retained on the AOMSI website/ in the library of the university/institution where the awardee has worked.
- vii. However, no extension is permissible beyond the total period of two years, and the awardee ceases to be AOMSI-RG immediately after the expiry of the date. Any claim/reference to this effect will be illegal and the individual may have to face disciplinary action.

Subsequent Requirements and Publications:

- i. AOMSI-RG recipients must submit a final report on outcomes from the project within two years. An abstract or journal submission is sufficient.
- ii. AOMSI-RG recipients are requested to acknowledge the AOMSI support in any presentations, research thesis, and journal publications that emanate from the work supported.
- iii. AOMSI-RG recipients are requested to advise the Research Committee of the AOMSI of any publications related to the research support. AOMSI-RG recipient is asked to supply the Research Committee with a copy of any publication related to the AOMSI-RG support.
- iv. AOMSI-RG recipients are encouraged to present their research results at the AOMSI conferences.

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Proposal details:

- 1. Title of the proposed research project:**
- 2. Introduction:** *(A concise review of the status of the proposed research, novelty of the proposal, and knowledge gap areas) Less than 500 words*
- 3. Rationale of the Proposal with the problem statement.** (Less than 250 words).
- 4. Mention how the research question addresses the critical barrier(s) in scientific knowledge, technical capability, and/or programmatic/ clinical/lab practice and its relevance to local, national, and international contexts.** (Less than 500 words)
- 5. Proof of concept/ preliminary studies: (Less than 1000 words)**
- 6. Work Plan (Maximum project duration one year):**
 - 6.1 Methodology:** (Maximum 5 pages)

(It should contain all the details of how each of the objectives will be addressed. This section must be detailed and have clear plans, not vague and generalized statements. It should have several schemes, tables, figures, equations, etc. in addition to text, explanation, and justification of why the project research plan will work). Include a pictorial representation of the workflow of the study.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study design : 2. Study setting : 3. Study Population : 4. Sample size calculation 5. Sampling technique : 6. Method of selection of study subjects : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inclusion Criteria : b. Exclusion Criteria c. Withdrawal Criteria : 7. Operational definition : 8. Methods of Measurement: 9. Study instruments/ Data collection tools : 	
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6.2 Time Schedule of activities giving milestones through BAR/Gant chart diagram.

7. Expertise: (Maximum 1 page)

7.1 Expertise available with the investigators in executing the project:

(Professional expertise existing with each of the investigators in terms of publications, Patents, and preliminary results, to execute every component of the proposal should be highlighted)

7.2 Summary of roles/responsibilities for all Investigators:

(If the proposal contains more than one Investigator, it is important to mention the role of each Investigator in implementing the objectives of the proposal.)

7.3 Key publications published by the Investigators pertaining to the theme of the proposal during the last 5 years

7.4 Bibliography (Only relevant publications by team should be included)

8. List of Projects submitted/implemented by the Investigators

(All the Investigators should list out details of the Projects submitted, implemented, and completed by them. The list should start with the Projects implemented by the Principal Investigator, followed by Co-PI 1, Co-PI 2, etc.)

8.1 Details of Projects submitted to various funding agencies:

8.2 Details of Projects under implementation

8.3 Details of Projects completed during the last 5 years

9. Equipment available with the Institute/ Group/ Department/Other Institutes for the project:

Equipment available with	Generic Name of Equipment	Model, Make & year of purchase	Remarks including accessories available and current usage of equipment

10. Budget.

Thrust Areas:

- 1) **Trauma**
- 2) **Minor Oral Surgery**
- 3) **Orthognathic Surgery**
- 4) **TMJ**
- 5) **Salivary Gland**
- 6) **Implantology**
- 7) **Cancer/potentially malignant disorders**
- 8) **Advances in OMFS**
- 9) **Any other**

Timelines:

- 1) Starting of Call for proposal 15 April 2024 Deadline for submission 15 May 2024
- 2) Review of Proposal, shortlisting, and information to Principal investigators 15th June 2024
- 3) Technical Expert Committee (TEC) meeting on 25^h June 2024
- 4) If any modification is suggested by TEC, resubmission with modification on 30th June 2024

Information about short-listed projects and intimation to Principal investigators by 15th July 2024

- 5) Release of Sanction letter on 30th July 2024
- 6) Submission of Interim reports 1st quarter (September-Nov) 2nd quarter (Dec-Feb) 3rd quarter (March-May) 4th quarter (June-Aug)
- 7) Submission of the report for publication on or before 30th August 2025 to JMOSI
- 8) Project closure meeting and Release of Grants 15th September 2025