



Society of Medical Arthropodology (S.O.M.A.)

SOMA INNOVATION RESEARCH GRANT

21st Nov., 2025

Announcement

SOMA INNOVATION RESEARCH GRANT 2025

(Catch them early; mentor and train the budding young innovative minds to become great scientists to serve science, society and 'Shreshtha Bharat')

Deadline: Last date of receiving 'e-mail applications' is: 10th Dec., 2025.

Society of Medical Arthropodology (SOMA) is delighted to advertise its first ever SOMA RESEARCH GRANT 2025 which would be given away to three budding and innovative very young and budding scientists carrying out their Undergraduate or Postgraduate in Indian Universities, IITs, IIMs, Engineering and Medical colleges during the 18th SOMA International Conference of Medical Arthropodology, to be hosted by the Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, Central University Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur (TN), India during 18-20 December, 2025. The Grant, each carrying a total sum of Rs. 20 Thousands only, is available to *Bhartiya* (Indians) only.

The Award will carry (i) A certificate, (ii) A SOMA Medallion, and (iii) Electronic transfer of the grant money (in two instalments*).

Those interested may apply through email to Prof. Dr B.K. Tyagi, President, SOMA on his email: abktyagi@gmail.com [with a cc. to the Secretary General, Prof. Dr B. Reddy Naik (brnaik@osmania.ac.in) and the Executive Editor, JoMAPH (rinatilak@hotmail.com)].

The email application (supported with an approval of the HOD/Head/Principal/Director concerned, and sent as an attachment), must explicitly mention the following information:

- (i) Name of Applicant (with Email ID and Mob. No.)
- (ii) Department & College address (with PIN)
- (iii) Bank account details of the applicant, with IFS Code (attach a certified copy of the First page of the Bank Pass Book mentioning bank account details)
- (iv) Age & Date of Birth (with Proof of Age)
- (v) A one-page of the proposed project in any field of medical arthropodology (medical entomology, medical arachnology, medical myriapodology and medical carcinology), including both harmful (e.g., diseases, toxins, allergies tc.) and beneficial (e.g., proteins, pharmaceutically important molecules, knowledge

- models, products, processes etc.) impacts, clearly mentioning innovation idea and how to achieve the outcome, even theoretically.
- (vi) An undertaking (in the email itself) that the proposed and awarded project will be carried out to completion objective-wise, duly certified by the HOD/Principal, and submitted to Prof. Dr B.K. Tyagi, President, SOMA on his email : abktyagi@gmail.com , [with a cc. to the Secretary General, Prof. Dr B. Reddya Naik (brnaik@osmania.ac.in) and the Executive Editor, JoMAPH (rinatilak@hotmail.com)].
- (vii) Only electronic transactions will be made. The Awardees will be given 50% during the 18th SOMA International Conference and the remaining 50% will be forwarded on receipt of the duly signed and dated "satisfactory project completion report" after the project period of six months, i.e. June 30, 2026. ***The project completion report by the awardee, duly certified by the HOD and endorsed by the Institutional Head, should be received within 1 month, i.e. by 31st July, 2026**, after which only the Second instalment (remaining 50%) of the grant will be released.

Decision of the SOMA Adjudication Committee will be final, and should be respected.

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