

# Abstract Submission Guidelines for Research Awards



## Overview

The AIIMS Med-Ed Conclave is instituting Research Awards to recognise original research in health professions education (HPE) that demonstrates rigour, relevance, and impact. The award commends scholarship that advances understanding of teaching, learning, assessment, faculty development, or curriculum in HPE, with particular emphasis on work that is contextually grounded in India or LMICs.

The award is open to faculty members and technical staff who have completed and published an original work in HPE, or has been submitted/accepted for publication. The awards are designed to elevate the quality of HPE research, encourage a culture of scholarship among practising educators, and recognise work that has the potential to influence education practice and policy.

## Eligibility Criteria

The Best Research Paper Award is open to the following categories of applicants:

- Faculty Members — including professors, associate professors, assistant professors, tutors, demonstrators, and clinical teachers across health professions such as medicine, nursing, allied health professions, and dentistry
- Technical Staff — including HPE project staff/ consultants, simulation technicians, medical education unit (MEU) coordinators, and education administrators who have contributed substantively to health professions education research

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## Conditions for Applicants

- The applicant must be a registered conference delegate at the time of award application
- The applicant must be the first author or the corresponding author of the accepted paper
- The research must be original work, published within the last five years (i.e. Jan 1st, 2021- Jan 2026)
- The research must have received appropriate ethics clearance (IEC / IRB approval) where required, or a documented exemption for studies that did not require formal review
- The applicant must submit/upload the published paper as part of the award application

## Research Themes

Award applications are accepted under any of the seven conference themes.

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