



# Bharat & Varsha Patel IAE Cardiac Sonographer Student Travel Grant

## Application Process

### What it offers?

This grant serves to support **two** non-physician cardiac sonographer students (Indian Nationals) to present at or attend the national IAE meeting every year. The grant would fund the travel, accommodation and registration expenses for the awardees (please see below).

### Eligibility criteria

To apply for this grant, the applicant would need to fulfil the following criteria-

- Applicant should be an Indian national who is a current non-medical student sonographer in a cardiovascular related teaching program (diploma, undergraduate or postgraduate). University recognised Diploma, BSc, MSc courses with echocardiography as a major subject will be given preference; however, non-university certificate courses will also be considered.
- Although it is not mandatory, the applicant should have preferably submitted a case-study/abstract to the IAE national meeting or be a co-author in a manuscript submitted to JIAE. Those with accepted (or previously accepted) presentations/submissions will be given priority over submissions during evaluation.
- Candidates previously selected to attend the IAE annual meeting under this grant are not entitled to apply again.

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- The application need to be submitted on a prescribed form which can be downloaded from the IAE website ([www.iaecho.in](http://www.iaecho.in)).
- The candidate would need to submit the following documents with his/her application-
  - Current CV with detailed echo experience and the nature of the current daily work
  - Proof of case-study submission/acceptance.
  - Letter from Principal/Head of Department/Medical Director confirming student status.
  - Letter of intent stating why he/she would like to attend the IAE national meeting.
- The completed form, in addition to all supporting documents, should be emailed to [office@iaecho.in](mailto:office@iaecho.in) and [iaechohq@gmail.com](mailto:iaechohq@gmail.com).
- **The last day for submission is 31<sup>st</sup> May of the application year.** Submissions received after the deadline and incomplete submissions will not be considered for the grant.
- The outcomes of the evaluation will be provided to successful awardees by e-mail, and will also be made available on the IAE website ([www.iaecho.in](http://www.iaecho.in)).
- The decision of the selection committee is final and will not be disputed.
- The selected candidates will be required to sign a “**no claims clause**” with IAE and the ‘Donor’.

- Both candidates will be asked to write a short report of their experiences on their return. Their suggestions for any change/improvement are welcome. The report may be shared on the IAE website or included in the IAE newsletter/ JIAE.

### **Travel arrangements**

- The approximately \$500 Sonographer student grant (for each awardee) will be responsible for-
  - Travel
  - Registration
  - Stay during the national IAE conference.
- The IAE will provide the awardees the grant money to fund these expenses. However, the selected candidates will be responsible for making all their travel and stay arrangement on their own.

### **Please note:**

**The IAE or the donors/facilitators of this grant (Mr Bharat Patel/ Dr Ashwin Venkateshvaran) will not be held responsible for any events / incidents either during or related to the candidates' travel. As a representative of the Indian sonographer community, the selected candidates should demonstrate good standing with the IAE and conduct themselves in a responsible manner during the conference visits.**