

# Announcement 2025

INDIAN ACADEMY OF TROPICAL PARASITOLOGY



## IATP BEST THESIS AWARD 2025



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The IATP Best Thesis award recognises and promotes outstanding research in Parasitology by Postgraduates and PhD scholars

### In 3 categories

- A. MD/DM/DNB
- B. PhD
- C. MSc/MLT

## Who can apply?

- Students pursuing/completed MD/DM/DNB, PhD, or MSc/ MSc MLT in Microbiology or a related subject from a recognized Indian University
- Thesis topic should be on Parasitology and should pertain to work conducted on Human and/or Animal Parasitology only.
- The Student should be a Life Member of IATP

## How to apply?

- Eligible students must submit an application form along with soft copies of the thesis (.pdf only) to [iatpthesis@gmail.com](mailto:iatpthesis@gmail.com), latest by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- Must include a covering letter mentioning the title of the study, name of the Principal Investigator/Student and Guide, addressed to The Member-Secretary, Committee for IATP Best Thesis Award
- The work should have been submitted to the concerned University/ Institute in the previous 3 years of TROPACON 2025 conference, i.e between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 and approved.

## Review process and Declaration of results

- After initial review by a panel of Reviewers, selected candidates have to present the work in the Annual Conference of IATP
- The winners of the best thesis award will be announced in the valedictory function of TROPACON and award will be given to student. A certificate will also be given to the student and the guide.

Conducted By:-

Odisha Chapter of IATP & Best Thesis Award Committee  
For further details, please contact: [iatpthesis@gmail.com](mailto:iatpthesis@gmail.com)

For complete details go through the SOP below





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### APPLICATION FORM

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1. Category of Award Applied for (tick one):

MD/DM/DNB     PhD     M.Sc (Medical) Microbiology/MSc. MLT

2. Name of Candidate in Block Letter (Full Name):

3. Gender:

4. IATP Membership number:

5. Current Designation & Affiliation:

6. Contact no.:

7. Email:

8. Name of Institute and/or University where thesis work done:

9. Name of Chief-Guide:

10. Designation & affiliation of Chief-Guide:

11. Title of Thesis:

12. Thesis submission date/month/year:

13. Any funding received (attach proof):

14. Covering letter attached:    Yes/No

15. Soft copy file of the thesis (as per SOP) attached :    Yes/No

16. Any other information you wish to add:

### Declaration

I hereby declare that information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In the event of any information being found incorrect/false, my application is liable to be rejected.

Place:

Date:

Signature of Candidate



## Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

### Best thesis in Parasitology- IATP Best Thesis Award 2025

#### 1. Scope:

This SOP is designed to explain the process of selection of best thesis in the field of Parasitology across India in 3 different categories by - MD/DM/DNB, PhD and M.Sc./MSc. MLT students for the purpose of IATP best thesis award. The award recognizes and promotes outstanding research in the Field of Parasitology and is proposed to be given annually to that thesis deemed to be the most outstanding from those submitted to the Indian Academy of Tropical Parasitology by students who had submitted their study in the preceding 3 years.

#### 2. Responsibility:

Members of IATP Odisha Chapter in discussion with Members of the best thesis award committee.

#### 3. Thesis review process

##### 3.1 Eligibility criteria

- a) MD/DM/DNB, PhD, MSc/MSc MLT students pursuing their course in Microbiology/related Subject from any Indian University recognized by NMC/ NBE/ UGC/ or through act of Parliament are eligible to apply.
- b) Thesis topic should be on Parasitology and should pertain to work conducted on Human and/or Animal Parasitology only.
- c) Completed and submitted thesis only in last three years
- d) The student should be the Principal Investigator for the thesis
- e) The student should be a life member of IATP
- f) The study should have Ethical permission from the Institute's ethics committee before start of the work.



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- g) Study conducted as Clinical trial for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this award.
- h) Thesis should have been submitted to the concerned University/Institute in the previous 3 years of scheduled TROPACON conference and accepted by the University. For example, thesis to be considered for award in the year 2025 TROPACON should have been submitted to the University/Institute in the years 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2024 and also approved by the same.
- i) There is no limit to the number of students who can apply from a Department/Institution. Same thesis can be re-submitted in the subsequent year (provided it didn't receive the Award)
- j) It is recommended, although not mandatory, that the awardees publish the research work in "Tropical Parasitology".

### 3.2 Submission process

All eligible students should submit soft copies (.pdf file format only) of the following to the email: [iatpthesis@gmail.com](mailto:iatpthesis@gmail.com)

- a) Covering letter mentioning the title of the study and the names of the principal investigator/student and guide. It should include why the thesis research deserves the award.
- b) First page file: It should include, title of the study, affiliating institute (s), names of the principal investigator/student, co-investigators and guide along with their affiliations, contact details – mobile number and e-mail address of principal



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investigator/student and guide, IATP membership numbers of the student and guide, declaration of conflict of interest and financial support for the study.

- c) Synopsis file of the thesis (complete and clear covering all aspects of the study): A structured synopsis of 1500 words should be submitted as per Annexure I. It should not contain author details or Institute name or Hospital name. Synopsis should cover all aspects mentioned in the Annexure I.
- d) Original Research article file as per the format of Tropical Parasitology journal. A original research article/manuscript of the thesis (It should not include the researchers and the affiliating institute) should be submitted in the format of an Original Research Article in the style of Tropical Parasitology (please see Instructions to authors), running to maximum 3500 words and 40 references. If the study has many objectives, then they may submit their best objective for the purpose of the award. If the work is already published then they may submit the published article.
- e) Institute ethics committee approval for the study
- f) Plagiarism report
- k) The Head of the Department and guide should certify that the work is of the candidate and that the thesis has been submitted to the Institute/University.

### 3.3 Review process

- a) A panel of reviewers will be selected from the five regions (Center, South, East, West and North) of the IATP.



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- b) Reviewers will be decided by the committee based on willingness and convenience. A minimum of two reviewers will be assigned.
- c) The synopsis and the original research article of the thesis will be sent to the reviewers and a maximum of three weeks time will be given to review the same. A reviewer will not be given more than 5 thesis.
- d) All the reviewers independently reviewed and submit the scores to the thesis review committee as per **Annexure I**.
- e) The average of the scores will be computed by the committee. It will have a Max of 75 marks.
- f) The candidate has to present the work in the Annual Conference of IATP (TROPACON) and the presentation carries a max of 25 marks.
- g) Total score of the candidate will be the sum of the evaluation by the experts (Max marks 75) and the oral presentation in the TROPACON (Max marks 25).
- h) In case of a tie, weightage of novelty of the study will be considered as tie breaker.
- i) The decision of the best thesis award committee will be final.

#### 3.4 Declaration of results

The winners of the best thesis award will be announced in the valedictory function of Annual Conference of IATP (TROPACON) and award will be given to student. A certificate will also be given to the student and the guide.