



Dr Ramdas Pisharody (1955-2017)



Dr Ramdas Pisharody Award

For the best research among young postgraduates

Since 2017, Health Action by People (HAP; <http://www.hapkerala.org>) is offering the **Dr Ramdas Pisharody Award** for the best research among the young postgraduates doctors (junior faculty and post-MD practitioners) in the state. This yearly award is named after Dr Pisharody, one among the founder members of HAP and a reputed nephrologist. Dr Pisharody was an eminent researcher and a committed medical teacher. He had held many high posts including the Principal of Thiruvananthapuram Medical College and the Director of the Clinical Epidemiology and Research Training Centre (CERTC). He was an elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (England and Glasgow) and has won the Kerala Government's award for the best doctor in the State. He was an eminent researcher and a clinical teacher par excellence.

The Award

The award shall include:

- A certificate of appreciation for the best research presentation.
- A cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-

Eligibility

1. The prize will be awarded to an original work published by a medical professional who had received their MD/MS degree within the last five years.
2. The article should be published in a peer-reviewed journal indexed in PubMed /Scopus /Embase / Copernicus / Google scholar or open-gate/research gate as an original research article.
3. It should be a research work in which the candidate is the first author.
4. The study should have addressed a pertinent and well-defined research question.

The Process of Submission

1. The participant needs to send a copy of the publication with a certificate first showing the genuineness for eligibility and willingness to participate in the selection process.
2. A self-signed certificate that this was not awarded previously by any professional association, academy or official/NGO agency need to be submitted.

Preliminary Screening

- a. There will be preliminary quality and plagiarism checking.
- b. This will be screened by a committee composed of medical teachers with a good publishing record and acquaintance with research methods. They will shortlist five studies for final evaluation.

Actual selection Process

1. The authors of these five papers will be invited to present their work before an audience in Trivandrum.
2. The best work will be decided by a jury consisting of eminent medical researchers. The other four presenters will receive certificates of appreciation.
3. We shall honor the awardee in a befitting academic ceremony, and the four finalists will get the certificates of appreciation on the day of oral presentations itself.

Criteria for assessment

1. The originality of the research question and the scientific work.
2. The impact value of the journal in which the article was published.
3. The significance of the study (Contribution to existing medical knowledge or its policy implications).
4. The soundness of the methods used like the clinical evaluation and the data collection tools used (appropriateness of design, the conceptual framework (if relevant), validity issues - design specific precautions including handling confounders and bias)
5. Quality of writing, photographs and other illustrations used. (E.g.: presenting conclusions, handling the limitations, clarifying points for discussion and the overall flow and rigor of presentation.)
6. Citation track record of the article

Even if the published article contains an abstract, a structured abstract (we prefer an extended abstract of fewer than 1000 words) with the following subheadings is preferred for submission.

- I. Title
- II. *Introduction, background and objectives (150-250 words)*
- III. *Methods (200-400 words);*
- IV. *Results (200-400 words)*
- V. *Discussion & Conclusion (150-200 words).*

The abstract may include up to two appendices (one table and one chart (or both tables or charts) and should mention statistical details such as ‘p’ values for significance. The extended abstracts need to be **uploaded online** at <https://goo.gl/forms/bbpBRw8XnHeb8xg83> on or before **30 th September 2021**.

The published paper should be accompanied by a duly filled in application form, endorsed by the head of the department/ head of the institution. A copy of the template is given along for your convenience.

1.	Name of the Applicant	
2	Communication Address e-mail address : Home telephone: Mobile Number:	
3.	Post graduate course completed	
4	Year of acquiring the postgraduate degree	
5	Institution University	
6	Title of the published paper	
7	Brief description of contribution of first, second and third authors	
8	Head of the Department	
9	According to your own impression briefly outline the significance of the study and the impact produced among academia (In less than 100 words)	

The last date for receipt of the application will be September 30,2021.

