

VOSCON 2021 Innovation Award

INTRODUCTION

"The main driver of innovation is unmet patient need" said Sophie Bakri, retina specialist and ophthalmology department chair at the Mayo Clinic.

The award on "Innovation in Ophthalmology" has been instituted by the Vidarbha Ophthalmic Society (VOS), in 2024 by a contribution by the Organising committee of the VOSCON 2021 (the annual conference of the VOS held in Dec 2021). The VOS invested the money in a separate fixed deposit in a nationalised bank that would yield maximum interest annually. The interest amount would be used for a prize money, certificate and other expenditure. The Award would carry a cash prize of Rupees Fifteen thousand only (Rs 15,000/-). The award would be conferred to the best entry in the inauguration ceremony of the annual conference of the year.

The VOS will be under the obligation not to utilise this award money under any circumstances for any other purpose.

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SELECTION PROCEDURE

- Every year a notification for filling nomination for the award would be given by the Chairman scientific committee at least two months prior to the conference.
- The best entry fulfilling the criteria as noted, would be selected by the scientific committee for the said award.
- In the rare case where in no applications are received by the scientific committee, there would be no award for that specific year.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- Applicant has to be a ratified member of the VOS
- He / she would be eligible for the award only once.
- The innovation (for use in practice for the betterment of ophthalmic patients) could be in the form of
 - Innovation of an instrument / equipment
 - Modification of an existing instrument / equipment
 - Innovative surgical / diagnostic technique

APPLICATION FOR THE AWARD

The candidates are to apply for the award to the Chairman Scientific Committee, VOS by submitting the following documents at least one month prior to the conference / a deadline given by VOS:

- Application for the award written and signed by the applicant on a plain paper
- Curriculum vitae
- Contribution towards “Innovation in Ophthalmology” (details of the innovation in not more than 3000 words)

The signed application along with the supporting documents needs to be mailed to vos.scientific@gmail.com