

# INDIAN COMMERCE ASSOCIATION



## Prof. A.D. Shinde Research Fellowship Award 2026

### Guidelines

The primary aim of Prof. A.D. Shinde Research Fellowship Award is to promote research among the young faculty members and research scholars of ICA.

#### 1. Eligibility for the Grant / Award

- 1.1 Candidates who are Permanent/Regularly employed as faculty in the rank of assistant professor in a UGC recognized University/College/Institution/affiliated institution are eligible for this grant. It should be duly certified by the Principal of the College.
- 1.2 Scholars from other professions like civil servants, journalists, and industrialists etc. who hold Ph.D Degree and have a keen interest in research are also eligible for this grant.
- 1.3 The applicants who are currently working on minor/major projects/ similar fellowship/grants sanctioned by UGC/ICSSR/other similar institutions cannot submit the same/ similar proposals for this Grant
- 1.4 This grant is available for candidates below the age of 35 years.
- 1.5 Only one person is eligible for the Grant-in –aid.
- 1.6 The Applicant should be a Life Member of ICA.

#### 2. Duration and Value

- 2.1 Duration of the research project is 12 months.
- 2.2 The research project will be allotted at the time of Annual Conference of ICA.
- 2.3 The maximum budget that may be allotted to the candidate is Rs. 50000

#### 3. Submission of proposal (10 Hard Copies)

2 Copies of the duly filled in Applications along with the Research proposal and other documents should be submitted in **hard copy only** latest by 20 October 2026 to the Secretary, ICA at the following address:

**Dr. Kuldeep Shivprasad Sharma**  
**Secretary ICA**  
**K.P.B. Hinduja College of Commerce Sadhana**  
**House, 570 Pandurang Budhkar Marg**  
**Worli, Mumbai -400018**  
**email: kuldeep.sharma@hindujacollege.com**

The proposals should be forwarded through the Head / Principal

#### 4. Procedure for selection

4.1 The proposals complete in all respects shall be reviewed by a 3-member expert committee where two members will be appointed by the President and Secretary, ICA and one member will be appointed by Donors or their representative

4.2 The broad outline of the selection criteria is as follows

4.2.1	Academic Record	25 marks
4.2.2	Research Performance	25 marks
4.2.3	Assessment of Research Proposal	50 marks

Sr. No.	Particulars	Max Marks
		100
1.	<b>Academic Record</b>	<b>25</b>
a	Graduation in Commerce or Management First Class .....3 marks Distinction.....4 marks  Post-graduation in Commerce and Management First Class .....4 marks Distinction.....5 marks	09
b	NET/SET Or JRF	05 08
c	M. Phil.	03
d	Ph. D.	05
2	<b>Research Performance</b>	<b>25</b>
a	Completed Sponsored Minor Project	05
b	Completed Sponsored Major Project	08
c	Research paper(s) in refereed/peer reviewed Journal(s) indexed in International Databases with Impact Factor(IF) of Publications (Thomson Reuter only) 2 points for each publication	08
d	H-Index (Google Scholar /Scopus/Research Gate) 50% of Total H-Index	04
3	<b>Assessment of Research Proposal</b>	<b>50</b>
a	Problem to be investigated	10
b	Scope of the proposal	10
c	Research design and methodology	10
d	Academic significance of the proposal	10
e	Relevance to present-day problems & needs of the society	10
<b>Grand Total</b>		

4.3 The information regarding the award to the selected candidate will be given through e-mail to the Conference Secretary and will be announced at the time of the conference.

## **5. Release of Grant**

5.1 The sanctioned grant will be released in two instalments.

5.2 60% of the sanctioned grant will be released within a month of the award of the research fellowship in the name of the candidate.

5.3 Remaining 40% of the amount will be released after the submission of the final report and the presentation.

## **6. Progress report**

6.1 The recipient of the awardee will be required to give an interim presentation of the research work after 6 months through email.

## **7. Submission of Final Report**

7.1 The awardee is required to submit three copies ( two hard copies and one soft copy) at the Annual Conference.

7.2 The report will be evaluated by an expert of the ICA specialized in the field to be appointed by the President, Secretary, ICA and Representative of Donor.

7.3 If the expert is satisfied with the research report, the remaining balance of the award may be released by the Secretary.

7.4 The awardee will make a 10-minute presentation on the findings of the research project at the final of the BBAY Awards presentation.

## **8. General Guidelines**

8.1 Extension in tenure is not permissible in any circumstances.

8.2 If an Investigator fails to complete the project, he/she has to refund the entire amount sanctioned with interest.

8.3 Certificate regarding plagiarism shall be included in the final report.

8.4 The research report shall be in English

8.5 The final report shall be uploaded on the website of Indian Commerce Association.



Signature  
(Head/Principal/Director)

### Annexure 1

(Attach Proofs of your Claims)

Sr. No.	Particulars		Max Marks 100
1.	<b>Academic Record</b>		<b>25</b>
	a	Graduation in Commerce or Management First Class.....3 marks Distinction.....4 marks	0 9
		Post-graduation in Commerce and Management First Class.....4 marks Distinction.....5 marks	
	b	NET/SET Or	0 5
		JRF	0 8
	c	M. Phil.	0 3
d	Ph. D.	0 5	
2	<b>Research Performance</b>		<b>25</b>
	a	Completed Sponsored Minor Project	0 5
	b	Completed Sponsored Major Project	0 8
	c	Research paper(s) in refereed/peer reviewed Journal(s) indexed in International Databases with Impact Factor(IF) of Publications (Thomson Reuter/ABDC only)  2 points for each publication	0 8
	d	H-Index (Google Scholar /Scopus/Research Gate) 50% of Total H-Index	0 4

**Annexure 2**  
**Research Project Proposal**  
**Content**

- **Discipline of the project :**
- **Title:**
- **Aim of the Project:**
- **Statement of the Problem:**
- **Overview of Literature:**
- **Conceptual framework:**
- **Research Questions:**
- **Research Methodology:**
  - *Universe of the Study:*
  - *Sampling Frame:*
  - *Sample Design*
  - *Data Collection*
  - *Data Analysis*
- **Implications**
- **References**

**Annexure 3**  
**Detailed Budget - Estimates of the study**

S.No	Broad Expenditure Heads	Amount (₹)
1	Field Work Cost ((Travel/Logistics/Lodging/Boarding/Source Materials/Software/Data Base, Training material etc.)	
2	Books	
3	Printing and stationery	

4	Overheads (5%)	
5	Contingencies (5%)	
	Total	