



# ICON - Indian Co-operative Oncology Network

(autonomous body of Indian Society of Medical & Pediatric Oncology)

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Dear Dr/ Sir/ Madam,

At each ICON Conference several competitive events are held to showcase and reward the best work in the field of oncology.

These include:

1. ICONs Geeta Rameshchandra Gandhi Oration
2. ICONs Best Subcommittee Award
3. ICONs OGS Best Postgraduate Teaching Institution Perpetual Trophy
4. ICONs Best Thesis Competition
5. ICON and IJMIO molecular oncology research project competition
6. ICONs best presentation competition
  - a. Debates
  - b. Quiz
  - c. Case Presentation Competition

We welcome you to the 16<sup>th</sup> year of Young ICON Activities (commenced in 2002). It has provided a platform for young oncologists and oncology students to present their experiences and be mentored by seniors. Young ICON has grown from strength to strength and aims to make an even bigger impact.

**The following details refers only to the ICONs Best Thesis competition** (please contact icon office on [icon@oncologyindia.org](mailto:icon@oncologyindia.org) for details regarding other projects/competitions or for any clarification)

Students of Oncology from any stream related to oncology (medical, surgical, radiation, preventive, pathology, palliative, laboratory, basic science, etc) are eligible for participation in the Best Thesis competition. The thesis topic MUST be related to oncology substantially (decision of the committee regarding this shall be final and binding to all applicants).

**Benefits of qualifying for the best thesis competition (for all applicants whose application is accepted for entry into the competition)**

1. This is in addition to the prize for the final winner(s).
2. Complementary ICON membership for one year
3. Help with improving your publication manuscript – once your final manuscript is ready, you can send it to us and we will assign a mentor who can suggest on how the manuscript can be improved prior to submitting to any journal.
4. Priority for speedy review and possible publication – if you choose to submit your manuscript (of thesis or any other one article) to one of the following Indian journals - Indian Journal of Medical and Pediatric Oncology (IJMPO), South Asian Journal of Cancer (SAJC), Indian Journal of Molecular and Immuno Oncology (IJMIO) and Indian Journal of Medical Sciences (IJMS).
5. We allow participants to present updated data on same thesis/ topic at other conferences abroad (eg ASCO/ ESMO/ IASLC, etc). Presentation at our conference will give you an opportunity to improve your abstract and anticipate questions so that you can incorporate those changes and do a better job elsewhere.

**Participants will be divided into following categories:**

1. Basic non medical Degree: (upto MSc or equivalent – including nursing).
2. Non medical advanced degree: PhD in any subject.
3. Basic specialty degree: MD/ DNB in any subject (eg Radiation Therapy/ Medicine/ Pediatric/ Surgery, etc) or equivalent.
4. Super specialty degree: DM/ DNB in Medical Oncology/ Hematology \* MCh/ DNB in Surgical Oncology or equivalent.

Last date for submitting regular applications: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

Last date for Spot applications: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (till 5 pm strictly)

Qualifying Round (at 38<sup>th</sup> ICON Conference): 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 (poster presentation)

Final Round (at 38<sup>th</sup> ICON Conference): 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (oral presentation max 10 mins)

We would request you to encourage your eligible students to apply to participate in this prestigious competition. Let your students shine alongwith your department and institution.

Your cooperation and support will go a long way in making this event a success. We feel that such a platform would give them confidence and help them to prepare for a better tomorrow.

Please find enclosed details and application form(s). Further information can also be obtained by sending email to [icon@oncologyindia.org](mailto:icon@oncologyindia.org) or by visiting our website [www.iconconferences.com](http://www.iconconferences.com) or [www.oncologyindia.org](http://www.oncologyindia.org)

ICON has organized several activities for oncology students at each of the ICON Meets (which are held twice a year). We would also congratulate all the past winners of the various Young ICON activities. ICON has always encouraged the junior members of the oncology fraternity to express their opinions and participate actively in research.

The feedback that we have received clearly indicates that the participants have greatly benefited from the Young ICON activities and the mentorship that followed.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

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**Young ICON Committee**

Encl: Application Form for ICONs Best Thesis competition

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**Application Form for ICONs Best Thesis competition**  
**(for 38<sup>th</sup> ICON Conference – 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at Kochi)**

**Dr Purvish Parikh/ Dr R Bharath/ Dr Sameer Rastogi**

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**Dear Dr Parikh / Dr Bharath/ Dr Sameer,**

**I would like to submit my application for ICONs Best Thesis competition to be held during 38<sup>th</sup> ICON Conference from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Marcy 2018 at Kochi.**

**I am applying for the category of (select only one of the following options):**

- Basic non medical Degree: (upto MSc or equivalent – including nursing).
- Non medical advanced degree: PhD in any subject.
- Basic specialty degree: MD/ DNB in any subject (eg Radiation Therapy/ Medicine/ Pediatric/ Surgery, etc) or equivalent.
- Super specialty degree: DM/ DNB in Medical Oncology/ Hematology \* MCh/ DNB in Surgical Oncology or equivalent.

**I am aware about the application deadlines as follows:**

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Last date for Spot applications: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (till 5 pm strictly)

**Eligibility includes thesis that are:**

1. Completed (signed by the supervisor) but not yet submitted.
2. Submitted to authorities for completion of degree requirements on or after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 (ie. Approximately last two years).

**If I am found to be eligible**, I know that I have to attend 38<sup>th</sup> ICON Conference and participate in the Qualifying Round on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 by participating with a poster representing my thesis work.

I also know that **if I am shortlisted**, I have to participate in the Final Round on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018, for which I will have to be ready with an oral ppt presentation (max 8 slides; max 10 minutes).

I know that I have to **apply separately to Dr Boben Thomas, Organizing Chairperson** of 38<sup>th</sup> ICON Conference for registration and travel grant (Rs 5,000/- available for limited applicants only).

I am **submitting softcopy of my thesis by email** to [icon@oncologyindia.org](mailto:icon@oncologyindia.org) with cc to [purvish1@gmail.com](mailto:purvish1@gmail.com) and [bharath37@gmail.com](mailto:bharath37@gmail.com) and [samdoc\\_mamc@yahoo.com](mailto:samdoc_mamc@yahoo.com)

1. Full Name
2. Email address
3. Cellphone number
4. Name of supervisor/ teacher under whom registered
5. Name of degree for which registered
6. Student registration number
7. Name of institution
8. Name of university
9. Date of submission of thesis (write NA if yet to be submitted)
10. Date (month and year) of final degree exam (estimated date if not yet completed)
11. Do you want to become ICON Member? Yes / No.
12. Signature of applicant