## **STS 2023 TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

STS Program is intended to encourage and support MBBS/BDS students interested in research and all efforts have been made to provide accurate information. However, ICMR will not be responsible for any loss to any person caused due to inaccuracy in the information available on this website. If, any

discrepancy is found, it may please be brought to the notice of ICMR.

- The detailed report should contain the original work carried out by the students during ANY two months between 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 under the assigned Guide and should not be copied from earlier research/other sources.
- 2. With the increasing number of interested students applying for STS, ICMR has taken initiatives to streamline the submission and approval process. The students must follow the updated instructions and updated forms provided on the website.
- 3. If the submitted report or any enclosures (except the RAF and IEC) contains the name/contact details of the student and guide then the report will be rejected by the ICMR.
- 4. E-Certificate and stipend will be issued only when the reports are approved after a scientific review by Experts. <u>Incomplete/unapproved/late submissions of STS 2023 Reports will NOT be considered further for review process or for payment of stipend and e-Certificate.</u> ICMR reserves the rights to approve/ reject a report or ask for a revised report. The Guides will not be paid or given e-Certificate under STS Program. However the Guide's name is printed on the e-Certificate issued to the student.
- 5. The Medical/Dental College should bear the entire cost of the STS research work done by the Student. The stipend issued to the selected students is his/her own studentship amount.
- 6. Research carried out without Ethics Committee approval will not be accepted.
- 7. The Medical/Dental College must ensure appropriate composition of Ethics Committee as per <u>ICMR Ethical Guidelines</u>. Inappropriate IEC certificates will not be accepted.
- 8. No Clinical trials are allowed to be carried out under the ICMR-STS Program. All regulatory clinical trials fall under the preview of Drugs & Cosmetics Act & Rules and should not be conducted by an undergraduate student. Any proposal/report falling in the category of Clinical trials will be rejected by ICMR.
- 9. Students will have to follow instructions updated on ICMR website from time to time.
- 10. ICMR reserves the right for "no further discussion" on rejected/incomplete/late submissions of the STS-2023 reports, due to any reason whatsoever.
- 11. <u>The details about the ONLINE report submission will be declared by the ICMR in due course of time.</u>
- 12. Requests for reconsideration or providing the information *i.e.* reasons for rejection of STS applications/ STS reports, names and contact details of students/ guides/ reviewers, any other details of any student/ Guide, titles of STS projects- approved/ disapproved, scientific details of STS projects of students, minutes of STS meetings, marks/ scores or any other confidential information shall not be entertained.
- 13. The stipend will be transferred to the selected Student's own single holder bank account and not to any joint account of Parents/Guide or anyone else, after the final STS report is

approved by the Experts, so therefore the student should ensure to open an own single holder bank account before the report submission. ICMR will not be responsible for any delay in stipend issue, if the students' bank details are not submitted as per requirement.

- 14. ICMR-STS Program is only for Indian nationals, students studying in Indian NMC/DCI recognized Medical/Dental Colleges.
- 15. ICMR shall make all efforts to keep the information about participating students/ guides/ scientific reports (soft copies) confidential and in safe custody. However, it will not be responsibility of the ICMR, if any unintentional loss of any kind due to unforeseen reasons occurred at any time.

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