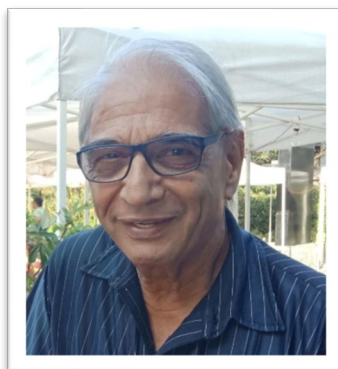


SOHAN P MODAK IGNITE TRAVEL GRANT - 2026



"This travel award is named to honour the legacy of Professor Sohan P. Modak, a distinguished biologist, who spent his professional life teaching, researching, and mentoring students in a university setting. It will provide support to PhD students in Indian universities to attend national conferences."

About the grant: This scheme offers opportunities for PhD students working in Indian universities to travel to national meetings to present their research, broaden their outlook, and expand their professional networks. Building on the success of the Ekalavya-Ignite Travel Grant, which supports international travel for PhD students and postdoctoral fellows, this funding scheme seeks to empower PhD students working in Indian universities.

Timelines: The application window will remain open for one month from the date of announcement (e.g., 4th September to 4th October). The results will be announced within two to three weeks after the application window closes.

Eligibility Criteria

- Full-time PhD students registered at an Indian university.
- Students registered in universities, but working at research institutes, will not be eligible to apply.
- Abstract to the conference must have been accepted at the time of application.
- Priority will be given to those selected for talks and poster presentations.



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Quantum of award: Upto INR 25,000/- (Inclusive of childcare support, if required)

Support for: Registration, Accommodation, Travel (air, train, bus, and shared cabs)

Caregiver support for Children: We are providing support for women with children, less than 2 years of age, to take an accompanying person for **childcare**. Reimbursement for accompanying personnel would be allowed (to cover food and accommodation) during the conference days within the limits of the travel award.

Accessibility and Caregiver Support for Students with Disabilities: Students with physical disabilities are encouraged to apply. Where required, applicants may request support for an accompanying caregiver to enable their participation in the conference. Reasonable expenses towards the caregiver's travel, food, and accommodation may be reimbursed within the overall limit of the travel award. Applicants requiring caregiver support should indicate this requirement in the application and provide the relevant details to enable appropriate consideration.

Click here to apply: [Application form](#)

Additional Information for applicants:

- Funding decisions are announced following the completion of review cycle. The grant money will be disbursed against actual expenses incurred.
- Notification of acceptance of presentation from the meeting organizers must be submitted.
- Awardees will be contacted individually, and award announcements will be posted on social media and on our website: ignitelsf.in
- Selected students must put in a claim for the funds upon their return from the conference within 15 days of the timeline.
- Students to acknowledge Ignite Life Science Foundation on Posters or Talks and make a 2-minute video on their experience upon return from the conference.