



THE COCHLEAR IMPLANT GROUP OF INDIA

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CIGI AWARD GUIDELINES -2026

AIMS:

1. To encourage and promote young Cochlear Implant professionals for presenting their work at the Annual Conference of the Cochlear Implant Group of India.
2. To promote innovative utilization of CIGI funds for imparting academic excellence.

The Executive Committee of the Cochlear Implant Group of India had proposed (and General Body of the CIGI gave approval for) an annual amount of Rs.75,000/ to be allocated as a research paper award called as CIGI Award for each category of Surgeons, Audiologists and Rehabilitationists. (Rs.25,000/- per award).

The submission will be received by Secretary and scrutinized by CIGI EC for the submission's adherence to rules and guidelines. Plagiarism check will be done and no more than 20% of text coincidence will be tolerated.

Therein later the blinded submission will be sent for review to an EC nominated jury.

The award will be conferred to professionals demonstrating an academic and scientific excellence.

As it was decided in the GBM, a minimum passing criterion of 50% on the evaluation matrix is put into place for qualifying for the awards. The judges will submit their report to the EC of CIGI and the candidates whose paper/work is adjudged as best will be conferred the award. The awardee will be informed by the Secretary via email.

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The award will consist of:

1. Opportunity to present the research work in an exclusive “CIGI Award Session” during the annual Cochlear Implant Group of India Conference (CIGICON)
2. CIGI Award Plaque
3. CIGI Award Certificate
4. CIGI Award Prize of Rs.25,000/-

The contestants/ applicants who do not win award can thereafter choose to submit their abstract under “Free Paper category” of CIGICON, by submitting the abstract to the Scientific Committee of CIGICON. However, it would be the discretion of the Scientific Committee of CIGICON for its acceptance/ rejection.

Terms and conditions for the submission of papers for award:

1. The Candidate must hold a Post Graduate Degree / Diploma in ENT & Head and Neck Surgery and Bachelor’s / Master’s degree in case of Audiology, Speech and Language Pathology, Special Education (HI) and a valid registration with the governing body (e.g. Medical Council of India / Rehabilitation Council of India) as applicable to the candidate’s profession.
2. The candidate must be a member of CIGI.
3. The candidate must have at least 3 years of professional experience in Cochlear Implant surgery / Audiological management / Habilitation as applicable to his / her specific professional area, after passing the applicable qualifying examination (as in point 1).
4. The candidate must provide Proof of passing the qualifying examination, and a valid proof of registration with the concerned governing body.

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5. The awardee must register for the CIGI conference in which the award will be presented. CIGI will not bear the expenses of conference registration/ travel/ stay.

6. The submitter should follow APA format guidelines for submission and email soft copy of full original article along with all photographs/ illustrations to Secretary CIGI at **secretary@cigi.in**

7. Power Point presentation is not permitted as submission.

8. The submitted full paper should be original, and not been published or presented in part or completely before and is not currently being considered for publication elsewhere. Even a subset of data presented / published earlier will not be considered.

PG/ MSc/ PhD thesis/ dissertations will not be considered if a subset of/ complete data has been presented in a conference/ published in any journal earlier.

It is mandatory for all submitters before submission to verify their paper against duplicate publication/ plagiarism using a plagiarism checker. The plagiarism report must be attached along with submission.

9. The paper should be based on original research work, innovation in technique, new observation and experience. Single case study / Case reports will not be accepted.

10. It should be the candidate's own work and declaration regarding the same should be signed by the submitter in the declaration form.

11. The Candidate must mention CIGI Life membership number.

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12. The submitting author alone will get the certificate and the co-authors (only who are CIGI life members) will receive a common letter from CIGI provided the request for the letter is submitted to the Secretary, CIGI not later than one month post CIGICON . Also, no names can be added than what are written in the submission form.

13. The Paper should not be suggestive in any form as to who the author is or where the work was conducted.

14. Decision of judges and the EC will be final and binding.

15 If there is no winner in any category for any reason, then this award may be given to another stream based on the marks allotted by the jury.

16. Time Duration of the presentation - 15 Minutes

17. The members of the evaluation committee/ jury and EC members of CIGI are not eligible to participate.

Last date of receipt of papers for the CIGI Award : 20th May 2026

Announcement of results: Prior to the CIGICON 2026

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