

Rules for APSR Young Investigator Research Project

1. Fair and Transparent Allocation of Funds for All APSR En Bloc Societies

APSR en bloc societies are invited to apply for dedicated APSR funds to support the research activities of young investigators. The total budget available for all APSR en bloc societies is US\$20,000.

To ensure fair distribution and support for as many en bloc societies as possible, each APSR Young Investigator research project may receive a maximum of US\$10,000, depending on the proposal submitted by the respective APSR en bloc society.

2. Eligibility Criteria for APSR Young Investigator Research Project

2-1. Principal Investigator (PI)

- The PI may apply individually or as a team member with one or more co-investigators.
- The PI must be a member of an APSR en bloc society and must be 40 years of age or younger at the time of the submission deadline (proof of age is required).

2-2. Co-Investigator(s) (if applicable)

- Co-investigators must be APSR members, either as en bloc society members or individual members.
- Any en bloc society member can serve as a co-investigator on the project team.

3. Duration

- The research project duration is one year in principle. The PI must report the results within one year after the completion of the research.

4. Fund Allocation (Total Maximum Budget: US\$20,000)

4-1. For Tier 1 En Bloc Societies (US\$10,000 × 1 Project Maximum)

- Each en bloc society may apply for one Young Investigator research project with a funding request of up to US\$10,000.
- One Young Investigator research project will be selected by APSR. However, if none of the applications meet the required standards, no projects may be selected.
- If the number of applications for either the APSR en bloc society research project or the APSR Young Investigator research project is fewer than the number that can be selected, the selection process will shift to the other research project. Priority will be given to applications from Tier 1 en bloc societies.

4-2. For Tier 2 and 3 En Bloc Societies (US\$10,000 × 1 Project Maximum)

- Each en bloc society may apply for one Young Investigator research project with a funding request of up to US\$10,000.

- One Young Investigator research project will be selected by APSR. However, if none of the applications meet the required standards, no projects may be selected.
- If the number of applications for either the APSR en bloc society research project or the APSR Young Investigator research project is fewer than the number that can be selected, the selection process will shift to the other research project. Priority will be given to applications from Tier 2 and 3 en bloc societies.

Additional Notes:

- APSR Young Investigator research project applicants cannot apply for the APSR Assembly Fund Project or the APSR Multi-Society Research Project in the same calendar year.
- Recipients of other APSR grants are ineligible to apply for additional APSR funds until the funded project is completed and the final project report(s) have been submitted.

5. General Principles

- Funds will not be approved if there is any potential for inappropriate use. The funds are intended solely to support scientific research activities and must not be used for the personal benefit of individual members.
- The PI must agree to provide both a written and verbal report to the APSR. These reports will be shared with APSR members through the APSR website, publications, and at the APSR Congress.

6. Scoring Criteria and Selection

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Purpose
- Background and Necessity
- Methodology
- Novelty
- Ability to Perform the Project

The APSR Research Committee will evaluate the applications, and awardees will be selected based on the final scores after excluding the highest and lowest scores. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson of the Research Committee will make the final selection. Final approval of the selected awardees will be given by the APSR Executive Committee.

7. Application Form

- Applicants are required to use the specified application form, and each applicant may submit only one application per calendar year.
- The PI of the Young Investigator research team must declare their age and provide proof.
- The President of the en bloc society will select and submit only one application for the APSR Young Investigator research project to the APSR Secretariat.

8. Agreement Form

- The signed agreement form must be submitted within 30 days of the announcement of the selected awardees.

9. Project Report

- A project report, including a financial report, must be submitted within 3 months of project completion.
- The project report will be published on the APSR website.

10. Fund Requests

- Funds will be provided after the announcement of the selected awardees and the submission of the agreement form.
- Funds will be transferred to the institution of the PI, not to a personal account.
- The administration charge for the funds must be included in the budget submitted with the application. The APSR will assess whether the charge is reasonable in relation to the project and will make the final decision on funding.
- If the funds are not fully utilized within the project period, the unused portion must be returned to the APSR.

11. Timeline (for 2026)

- **December 2025:** Call for applications
- **31 March 2026: Application deadline**
- **April 2026:** Announcement of selected awardees after review by the Research Committee Chairperson, budget check by the Treasurer, and approval by the Executive Committee
- **May 2026:** Deadline for submission of the agreement form and fund disbursement