

ISBNPA Pioneers Scholarship Application 2027

The purpose of the ISBNPA scholarships for early- and mid-career researchers in low- and middle-income countries is to provide funding to conduct formative or pilot research, or for an existing study where funds are insufficient to complete the study such that the results can be disseminated; and to present study findings at an ISBNPA conference.

We offer up to 4 scholarships for research to be conducted in 2026/2027, and presented at the ISBNPA2027 Conference.

Deadline for submissions October, 12, 2026.

* Indicates required question



Your details

1. Name *

2. Email *

3. Title *

4. University / organisational affiliation *

5. Position

6. City and country of residence *

7. Who funds your employment (e.g. scholarship, fellowship or salary)?

8. In which year did you obtain your PhD? * If you are still a PhD student, please state 'PhD not yet obtained' and include a motivation in the next question. *

9. If you are applying as a PhD student, please motivate why you should receive this funding

Mentor

10. Who will be your mentor for the proposed study? *

Study mentor: Each early career applicant should identify a mid-career (5-15 years post PhD) or senior researcher (+15 years post PhD) who is willing to act as a mentor for their project. Mid-career applicants should identify a senior researcher as a mentor for their project.

11. Email address of your proposed mentor *

12. University / organisational affiliation of your proposed mentor *

13. Mentor's position *

14. City and country of residence of your mentor *

15. Is your proposed mentor a member of ISBNPA? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. Please motivate your selection of this mentor, and describe any existing working relationship you have with them *

17. If your proposed mentor does not reside in the same country as you, please explain how you will work together on your proposed study

The study

18. Study title *

19. Choose the option that best describes the funding for which you are applying *

Mark only one oval.

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Funding for a formative / pilot study

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Funding for an existing study where there are insufficient funds to complete the study and disseminate the results.

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Other:

20. Abstract - Brief description of your proposed study (maximum 2000 characters) *

21. Background and study rationale (maximum 10000 characters). *

- Briefly describe the context and problem your study addresses.
- Explain why this research is important (gap in knowledge, practical relevance).
- Provide justification for conducting the study now and in your setting.
- Keep it short and persuasive.

22. Study Aims (max 4000 characters): *

- Describe the primary purpose of your research.
- Include the main research questions or hypotheses.
- Highlight what makes this work innovative.

23. Proposed study methods (maximum 20000 characters) *

- Outline the study design (e.g., pilot, mixed-methods, cross-sectional).
- Describe participants (who, how many, inclusion/exclusion criteria).
- Detail the measures/instruments (surveys, accelerometers, focus groups, etc.).
- Summarise the analysis plan (quantitative and/or qualitative).
- Indicate the current status of the project (planning, piloting, ongoing).
- Clarify which aspects will be supported by this scholarship (e.g., recruitment, data collection, transcription, analysis tools).

24. Proposed study methods (continuation if the your text do not fit the box above)

25. Project significance (max 4000 characters) *

- State why the study matters.
- Emphasise its potential impact on research, policy, or practice.
- Link back to the gap identified in the background.

26. Budget justification (max 2 pages pdf) *

Please email us a study budget,(executivedirector@isbnpa.org) outlining the proposed costs, and a detailed justification for these costs. Remember that this funding can be used for actual research costs; funding contribution for the time of an early career researcher to complete a specific research task. If you are requesting funding for an individual, please provide the individual's name, the degree for which they are registered (if a student), the university where they are registered/employed, and email address. These details should be included in the document that you attach. Please also remember that this funding CANNOT be used for a salary contribution for a mid-career or senior researcher, or for institutional costs (e.g. university research levies). Check all that apply. I have sent the email with the budget and justification

Check all that apply.

☐ I sent the email

27. Project timeline *

Please email us (executivedirector@isbnpa.org) a detailed timeline for your project, bearing in mind the deadlines stipulated in the funding guideline.

Check all that apply.

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28. Curriculum vitae (max 3 pages pdf) *

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29. Please mention anything else that you feel will support your application.

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