



COPCORD GRANT

The Executive Committee of the Asia Pacific League of Associations for Rheumatology (APLAR) will give a grant for COPCORD studies for the year 2019. All proposals must be submitted for by the Education Committee via APLAR Secretariat, Ms. Deborah Halim (e-mail: secretariat.aplar@gmail.com). Kindly note that acknowledgement receipt of application email must be received for application to be accepted.

The proposal may be on each of the three stages of the COPCORD project (Stage I, II, or III).

The proposal will be reviewed by the Education Committee. It may have to be modified as per suggestions provided (if any). The grant will be sanctioned when the protocol appears to be satisfactory.

At the start of the project, USD 5,000 will be transferred to the investigator's account, preferably their University's research account. But if that would incur an administrative charge, then the investigator can request to use their personal account.

Following the first transfer, the investigator will be required to provide receipts for the expenditure as the project progresses. If any individual item costs are more than USD 1,000, then 3 separate quotations are required, and the cheapest quotation will usually be accepted. Once the expenditure has exceeded the first USD 5,000, there can be 2 further disbursements at Month 3 and Month 6, depending on the proposed budget, supported by receipts, of up to USD 4,000 each.

The last USD 1,000 will be transferred once the completed research report and the final draft of the manuscript of the research project been received by the APLAR Executive Committee. In addition, awardees should submit their work for publication in an international peer-reviewed journal, preferably to the International Journal of the Rheumatic Diseases.

If more than one proposal is submitted and accepted, the Executive Committee of APLAR will decide which applicants will receive the grant.

Please note the offer is valid only for nationals of countries in the Asia Pacific area.

The following documents must be enclosed with the application:

- A curriculum vitae with a recent 2x2-inch photograph.
- A reference of good standing from the Dean of the candidate's medical school / university.
- A summary of the project with the significance of the expected results in the context of current knowledge (maximum 500 words).
- A grant proposal of the project detailing the background, aims, methodology (using the COPCORD questionnaire) and expected results.
- Ethics Committee approval of the study (if applicable).
- A budget with a timeline of the research project.