INDIAN ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY
IOS ANNUAL AWARDS – 2026

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Applications are invited from eligible members for the IOS Annual Awards – 2026.
Awards shall be governed by Article 38 of the IOS Constitution (2025).

General Instructions

Applications should be made by filling the Award application forms available in the forms section of the IOS website http://www.iosweb.net. Applications in the prescribed format with necessary documents to reach the undersigned by speed post/ registered post by 5.00 PM IST on 12th September 2026. **Envelope should be superscribed "IOS awards 2026".**

Kindly email the same to **secretary@iosweb.net**, for reference with subject heading: **IOS AWARDS 2026 (with Name of the award applying for)**

Guidelines for Submitting Application for Awards

- The candidate shall be a life member or Student Life Member of the Indian Orthodontic Society of good standing at the time of applying for respective award category.
- Same work should not be submitted in any other category i.e., one entry can be considered for one award only.
- All research work submitted for award shall be duly certified by a competent authority (Guide/HOD and Dean) as a genuine work done by the candidate.
- An already awarded research work by IOS in past in any category shall not be considered in any other category with or without modification.

1. Dr. J. G. Kannappan Award for the Best MDS Dissertation in Orthodontics

- The submitted dissertation shall be a bonafide work done by the candidate submitted two years prior i.e., in 2024.
- Only those candidates who have successfully completed the final MDS examination shall apply for this award.
- The dissertation should be accompanied by a forwarding letter signed by the guide/ Head of the department validating the year of submission.
- The candidate shall be a life member of the Indian Orthodontic Society of good standing at the time of applying for this award.
- Once this research is awarded by IOS, same research with or without modification shall not be considered for any other award by IOS in future.

2. Dr. P. P. Jacob Award for the Best Scientific Paper Published in JIOS

All original research published by a life member in the Journal of Indian Orthodontic Society in the previous year 2025 shall automatically become eligible for consideration for this award.

3. Dr. George Jacob Award for Best Clinical Innovations Published in JIOS

All clinical innovations published by a life member in the Journal of Indian Orthodontic society in the previous year 2025 shall automatically be considered for this award.

4. Indian Orthodontic Society - Research Award – FOR LIFE MEMBERS

i) **Publication excellence award** – Awarded to the first author (LM member) for any original research, systematic review or completely treated case report published in an orthodontic journal with the highest impact factor in the previous calendar year.

If more than one publication is a contender then the publication with maximum citations at the time of scrutiny would qualify. Communications, abstracts, invited and narrative reviews would not be considered. Co-authors would get team certificates.
The authors must apply with a copy of the article assigned to an issue in 2025 with complete citation reflecting "2025" as the year of publication.

ii) **Outstanding research award**– Awarded to funded research that has been published the previous year in which a life member is the primary investigator. (IOS grants not included). Publication must be in an orthodontic journal that is indexed in either Pubmed, WOS, Scopus. Contenders will be evaluated on quantum of grant awarded.
The authors must apply with a copy of the article assigned to an issue in 2025 with complete citation reflecting "2025" as the year of publication.

Proof of grant received must also be shared at time of application.

iii) **Outstanding research productivity award** – Awarded to an IOS member who has published maximum no. of papers in orthodontic journals in the preceeding calendar year. Only original research, systematic reviews and fully treated case reports will be considered.

First author:
Q1 journals – 10 marks/publication
Q2 journals- 7.5marks/publication
Q3 journals- 5 marks/publication
Q4 journals - 2.5 marks/publication

Corresponding author:
Q1 journals – 7.5 marks /publication

Q2 journals- 5.5 marks/publication
Q3 journals- 3.5 marks /publication
Q4 journals - 1.5 marks/publication

Co-author:

Q1 journals – 5 marks/publication
Q2 journals- 3marks/publication
Q3 journals- 2 marks/publication
Q4 journals - 1 mark/publication

Applicants may apply with copies of all articles published as either first, corresponding or co-author in 2025 with complete citation reflecting "2025" as the year of publication. Award would be considered based on quartile ranking of the journal and authorship rank.

iv) **IOS outstanding innovator award**– *Given to an IOS innovator with maximum no. of patents awarded the previous year. Merit would be given to startups and translational potential.*

5. Dr. Mrs. Savita Ramesh Vaid Memorial Award for the Best Overall Performance of a Study Group

• Applications shall be invited from the Study Groups which are recognized by Indian Orthodontic Society Head Office.
• Overall performance by the Study Group including the scientific programs, public awareness programs, etc., shall be the criteria for the award which will be decided by the Head office and passed by the EC.

6. Outstanding Educator award

Two awards each may be given based on the following criteria:

i) Senior educator award (more than 10 years of full-time teaching experience)
ii) Junior educator award (less than 10 years of full-time teaching experience)

Application for Outstanding Educator Award: Guidelines

Eligibility:

Senior Educator Award (≥10 years of full-time teaching)

Junior Educator Award (<10 years of full-time teaching)

1) A candidate may apply – either by **self-application** or through a **proposer**.

2) Multiple applications for the same candidate will **not be accepted**.

3) In case of a proposer application, the **written consent of the candidate (Senior Educator)** is mandatory or consent through email is necessary & applications without the educator's explicit consent will be not be considered

4) The filled scoring sheet (with documentary proof) must be submitted to the **Head Office** by either the candidate **(self)** or the **proposer** (if applicable).

Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria for a total of 100 marks

Final scoring will be done only in the **Head Office/appointed Committee** based on documentary evidence.

Sl.No	Category	Rationale
1.	**Years of full time teaching post MDS**	Please attach current appointment orders /Service certificates
2.	**Educational Qualifications (Beyond MDS)**	(PhD, Diplomate IBO, Morth/FAIMER certifications). Fellowships not to be considered.
3.	**Leadership & IOS Contribution**	Individual achievement in professional service, IOS leadership, and convenorship.
4.	**Curriculum & Faculty Development**	Collective contributions at international, national, and university levels.
5.	**Publications (H-index)**	Please attach screenshot of Scopus H index
6.	**Books & Book Chapters**	**International /National Reference Textbook** (multi-author, multi-institution, ISBN, reputed publisher) Individual authorship/editorship of multi-author textbooks and chapters or contribution to book chapters. Attach Proof.
7.	**Editorial Roles (Beyond IOS)**	Recognizes service to indexed orthodontic journals (editor/editorial board /reviewer
8.	**Lectures & Courses (Non-commercial)**	Individual recognition through invited lectures, workshops, and training programs. Attach list with certificates.
9.	**Quantum of Funded Research**	Contribution as primary investigator/guide in funded projects. Attach documents as proof.
10.	**Patents & Innovations**	Encourages innovation, capped to maintain focus on education.

7. Clinical excellence award for orthodontic practitioners

Given to an IOS Life member who has treated a case with significant improvement in orthodontic and QOL parameters. Additional merit would be given to case series/case reports that have been published with the treating doctor as first author in any orthodontic indexed journal the previous calendar year. The award shall be given to private practitioners.

8. Dr. H. D. Merchant Award for original work in the field of Preventive Orthodontic Research

• The candidate shall also submit photocopies of the key articles (two to three articles) that may have formed the basis of the Present study or may have had a significant bearing on the design of the present study.
• An ethical committee clearance shall be furnished by the candidate where animal experimentation/clinical trials were involved in the study submitted for this award.
• The candidate shall be a **life / Student member** of the Indian Orthodontic Society of good standing at the time of applying for this award.
• Once this award has been given to a submitted work, the same work with or without modifications shall not be considered for any other awards issued by the Indian Orthodontic Society at a later date.
All research work submitted for this award shall be duly certified by a competent authority as a genuine work done by the candidate.

9. Indian Orthodontic Society - Research Awards – FOR STUDENT MEMBERS
Three awards in this category may be given in each year to a PG Student (SLM) for research work done in the previous year. The research submitted for this award shall be a completed project independent of thesis work submitted by the student during post-graduation. All research work submitted for this award shall be duly certified by the guide/Head of the department as a genuine work done by the candidate.

i) **Publication excellence award**– Given to an IOS SLM member currently doing MDS who has published as a first author for any original research, systematic review or complete case report in an orthodontic journal with the highest impact factor in the previous calendar year. If more than one publication is a contender then the publication with maximum citations at the time of scrutiny would qualify. Communications, abstracts and narrative reviews would not be considered.

ii) **Outstanding research award**– Awarded to funded research that has been published the previous year in which a student member is the primary investigator.(IOS grants not included). Publication must be in an orthodontic journal that is indexed in either WOS ,Scopus . Contenders will be evaluated on Quantum of grant awarded.

iii) **Outstanding research productivity award** – Awarded to an IOS SLM member who has maximum no. of publications in orthodontic journals as a student the preceding calendar year. Contender may be an LM member at the time of application. Only original research, systematic reviews and full case reports will be considered.

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