Sani Marc Environmental Research and Innovation Stewardship Scholarship

2022 and 2023 National Education Conference Scholarship

Applications must be made online through

https://ipac-canada.org/sani-marc-scholarship.php

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: February 25, 2022

1. GOAL

To provide financial assistance to eligible IPAC Canada members in the form of a scholarship to enable an environmental research or innovative stewardship project; to present a project overview during the 2022 virtual national education conference, and to provide results of the project during the IPAC Canada 2023 national education conference. Funding will not be provided to the Board of Directors of IPAC Canada or members who are employed by a commercial vendor.

Examples of acceptable projects, non-inclusive:
- Validation of environmental cleaning or disinfection protocols or procedures
- Mid or Long term statistical studies on the effect of an environmental disinfection measure/procedure on patient HAI
- Development of models to evaluate the effect of environmental disinfection
- Research for the development of new approach for cleaning or disinfection in a hospital setting
- Studies for the screening of potential contaminated surfaces or area in a hospital setting (identification of specific reservoirs)
- Determination of the clinical potential of infection of some microbial reservoirs in hospital or clinical setting

The following topics would be excluded from consideration:
- Product specific efficacy validation study
- Product specific protocol validation or implementation
- Product specific related health and safety issue (patient and staff)

2. POLICY

2.1 The amount of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) will be set aside for the Scholarship by Sani Marc (the “Sani Marc Environmental Research and Innovation Stewardship Scholarship”). This amount is dedicated to the realisation of the research/project.

2.2 The maximum amount granted to the Recipient (as defined below) per award year would be ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) not including the annual conference attendance fees defined at 2.4.1.

2.3 Funding will be provided on an initial payment according to the project description requirements and the remainder supplied on a quarterly basis dependent on progress reports provided to IPAC Canada. Funding payments must be included in the scholarship application. IPAC Canada and Sani Marc will provide flexibility depending on the constraints of the research/project.

2.4 The scholarship will also include:

2.4.1 Attendance at 2022 Virtual and 2023 (Vancouver) Conferences

a. Conference registration fee including taxes, to be waived by IPAC Canada, not including special events (see registration fees at https://ipac-canada.org/ipac-canada-annual-conference.php)
b. 2023 - Hotel (at the Conference rate) – to a maximum of three (3) nights, including all taxes

c. Travel to the 2023 Conference (lowest possible airfare, train fare not exceeding the cost of the lowest possible airfare, or .52 cents/km car allowance per car to an amount not exceeding the cost of lowest possible airfare or train fare), plus taxes. Agency fees, seat selection fees, change fees, and excess baggage charges are not reimbursed.

d. 2023 - Meals, snacks and liquor will not be reimbursed.

e. If the project is presented as a group effort, only one author will be subsidized.

f. Sani Marc will reimburse IPAC Canada for 2.4.1 b. and c.

2.4.2 Project Management

a. 100 hours of professional consultation from Sani Marc including review of protocols, access to laboratory for analysis. Travelling or shipping fees to Sani Marc’s laboratory must be planned within the project budget.

b. $2,500 of Sani Marc commodities/products.

c. Assistance in developing a presentation for the 2022 conference and presentation of findings at the 2023 conference.

d. If any of the scholarship requirements are not completed, scholarship funding will be cancelled.

2.5 Applications must be submitted by the published deadline date (see heading). Applications are to be submitted online via https://ipac-canada.org/sani-marc-scholarship.php No other format will be accepted.  
**No extension to the deadline date will be provided.**

2.6 All sections of the online application must be completed and all required/supporting documentation must be attached. Pdf documents are preferred. Applicants must ensure that all documents are attached to the application. **Completeness of applications will be a consideration. If there are any issues with the online submission, please contact IPAC Canada at info@ipac-canada.org or 1-866-999-7111.**

2.7 The criteria for eligibility, as set out in the section “Criteria for Evaluating Eligibility” (point 3), will be applied to requests for funding.

2.8 Reimbursement

2.8.1 2022 Conference – Successful candidate(s) will be provided with a discount code for registration at the 2022 Conference. Registration fees already paid will be reimbursed.

2.8.2 2023 Conference - Reimbursement of the foregoing conference expenses will be made to the successful applicant (the “Recipient”) upon receipt of statement of expenses incurred by the Recipient. Requests for reimbursement must be on the official 2022 Sani Marc Scholarship Expense Form (IPAC Canada Form 46). Eligible expense receipts must be submitted to IPAC Canada within 30 days after the Conference. All fees, including taxes must be clearly detailed on the expense form in the appropriate column. IPAC Canada does not reimburse travel agency fees, seat selection fees, excess baggage fees, change fees, meals, snacks and liquor.

2.8.3  No portion of the Award will be dispensed prior to the conference with the exception of 2.3 above. The completed form with receipts should be mailed to IPAC Canada, PO Box 46125 RPO Westdale, Winnipeg MB, R3R 3S3, or couriered to 67 Bergman Crescent, Winnipeg MB, R3R 1Y9, or emailed to info@ipac-canada.org or faxed to 1-204-895-9595. The original receipts that were faxed or emailed must be sent to IPAC Canada by mail.

2.9 The review of submissions will be completed as soon as possible. It is anticipated that applicants will be notified of the results of the review by mid-March.
2.10 The winning projects are expected to start May of the year of acceptance and to end in, at the latest, April of the next years. Initial payment of funding for projects are provided in May of the year of acceptance and no payments will be made after April of the next year.

2.11 All records of funding requests and awards will be kept by IPAC Canada for a period of seven (7) years.

2.12 Any disputes related to financial assistance should be presented in writing to the Executive Director of IPAC Canada (executivedirector@ipac-canada.org) The Executive Director will investigate the dispute and will issue a decision relating to such dispute. A second appeal may be made to the Executive of IPAC Canada through the Executive Director. The decision of the Executive will be binding on the parties to the dispute.

2.13 Current IPAC Canada Board members and members employed by a commercial vendor are not eligible for funding.

3. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The selection committee will select from the IPAC Canada membership, one applicant who:

a. Has demonstrated leadership in research or innovation in the development of an environmental hygiene research or project.
b. Has submitted clear and sustainable protocols.
c. Is committed to development and completion of the project/research.
d. Is willing and able to present an overview of the project at the 2022 virtual conference and to present findings at the 2023 conference.
e. Is eligible for financial assistance based on the criteria set out in this section.
f. Has been a member of IPAC Canada for at least 1 year at the time of the application deadline.
g. Is not a member of the IPAC Canada Board of Directors or employed by a commercial vendor.

3.2 Applications must be submitted online by the published deadline date. Using the established criteria set out below, a sub-committee of the IPAC Canada Board of Directors will complete a project evaluation grid for each project received. From all the projects received, the 3 to 5 projects having the highest score will be re-evaluated in a second round. A Sani Marc representative, along with the IPAC Canada Board of Directors will participate in the second round re-evaluation to select the scholarship winner.

3.3 Applicants must complete the entire application online, uploading documents as required. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

3.4 Applications which are merely duplications of submissions to other IPAC Canada scholarship applications will not be accepted. Applicants must take time to carefully detail the objectives, methodology and their role in the proposed project in their facility.

3.5 The criteria will be reviewed annually by the IPAC Canada Board and Sani Marc. The submission evaluation criteria are in a separate document.

4. RELEASE

All applicants and Recipients must comply with the rules and requirements set by the present. Each applicant and Recipient agrees that Sani Marc Inc, its affiliates, IPAC Canada and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and assigns are released from any claims, damages, costs or expenses relating to the awarding of the Scholarship or the Scholarship itself.

Submission of this application indicates the applicant’s approval to have their name and photograph(s) published.
5. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In consideration of the grant of the scholarship and in recognition of the importance of disseminating the information and the results, findings, procedures and the content of the project achieved in the Sani Marc research and innovation stewardship scholarship, the applicant that is recipient of the scholarship agrees that, IPAC Canada, Sani Marc or any other instance is granted with a non-exclusive, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide, fully paid up and royalty-free license allowing the use, copy, modification or improvement, of the information, results, findings, procedures and content of the project (including the intellectual property rights related thereto) for any purpose, it being understood that any use under license shall, when reasonably possible, be accompanied with a credit of attribution to the authors of the project.