



# Association of Vitreo Retina Specialists of Sri Lanka

## ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP / TRAVEL GRANT

The Association of Vitreo retina Specialists of Sri Lanka (AVRSSL) invites applications for the Annual Academic Scholarship / Travel Grant, supporting postgraduate trainees and consultants in ophthalmology to present original work (preferably in retina) at credible international conferences.

### PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The grant supports participation in an **international academic conference** to present **original work conducted in Sri Lanka**, including:

- Research
- Clinical Audit
- Case Report

*(Related to ophthalmology, preferably retina)*

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be a **current AVRSSL member** with membership fees paid up to date
- Present **research, audit, or case report conducted in Sri Lanka**
- Present at a **credible international academic conference**

*Local conferences and predatory conferences are not eligible.*

**Presentation Period:**

1 January – 31 December of the application year

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

#### Conference Documentation

- Acceptance letter from conference organizing committee
- Submitted abstract **or summary (max 400 words)**
- Updated **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
- **Supervisor recommendation letter** (if applicable)

#### Financial & Participation Evidence

- Detailed expenses with **original receipts**
- Evidence of participation (registration proof, badge, program listing, or presentation certificate)
- Confirmation that **no travel support was received from conference organizers**

*If the presentation has already taken place, submit evidence with the application. If the presentation has not yet taken place, evidence must be submitted after the conference to receive reimbursement.*

### GRANT VALUE

**Two Grants Awarded Each Year**

**Rs. 200,000 per Recipient**

If no eligible applicants apply in a given year, the grant allocation will be **carried forward to the following year.**

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

**First Round:** 30 March

**Second Round:** 30 September

*If there are no eligible applicants in the first round, applications will be considered in the second round.*

### SELECTION CRITERIA

If multiple eligible applicants apply, selection will be based on:

- Credibility and reputation of the **international conference**
- **Academic quality and relevance** of the work presented
- Priority given to applicants who are trainees and **who have not received the grant previously**

**Final decision lies with the Travel Grant**

**Selection committee**

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

- This scholarship is a **limited travel grant** and may not cover all expenses
- Recipients must **acknowledge AVRSSL** in their presentation
- A **brief activity report** must be submitted to AVRSSL **within one month** after the presentation

**APPLY NOW**