ONE research paper will be selected for this award from the total submissions during each ECHO INDIA, the annual conference of the Indian Academy of Echocardiography.

**Eligibility:**

1. Presenters can be from any nationality.
2. Age of the presenter should be below 35 years as on date of presentation of study.
3. Minimum qualification for the presenter should be completion of a post graduate medical degree.
4. PG Students pursuing - DM (Cardiology), DNB (Cardiology), DNB (Medicine/Pediatrics/Critical Care), MCH/DNB (Cardiothoracic surgery), Cardiac Anesthetists, MRCP/FRCP/American Board Cardiology Certification will be entitled to submit papers for this award.
5. The presenter should be a registered medical practitioner specializing and practicing in any of the medical super specialties with a valid license issued by MCI or State Medical Council.
6. The research material should be an original investigation conducted by the presenter.
7. The material should not have been presented at any other conference / meeting or published in an academic journal / professional websites.
8. Paper submitters will register for the ECHO INDIA Conference within 30 days of acceptance of their paper submission.
9. It will be mandatory for the presenter to submit a certificate endorsing sl nos 2 to 8 under the heading Eligibility issued by their Institutional Head of Department, along with IAE membership number of the concerned faculty.
10. The presenter will sign and submit the IAE Declaration Form permitting IAE to publish the submitted research paper / abstract in the Journal of Indian Academy of Echocardiography.

**Criteria for Evaluation of Research Paper:**

1. Original, unpublished, research paper submissions will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee of each ECHO INDIA Conference based on the following criteria:
   a) Originality of the research.
   b) Aims of study
   c) Subject material
   d) Methodology
   e) Brief results
   f) Conclusions drawn
   g) Clinical application of study
2. The presenter will not be eligible to compete in any other award / competition / prize session in ECHO INDIA in the same year if the submission is accepted.
3. This submission will not be considered for inclusion in any other award / competition / case presentation session of the conference unless a) rejected by the appointed jury for grading the submissions for the YIA session, and, b) the presenter’s consent.
4. The last date of paper submission will be July 31 of the year of conference.
5. It will be mandatory for the paper submitter to submit a three to four page abstract of the presentation as per details mentioned above.
**Criteria for Selection of Award Winner:**
During the Young Investigators Award Session, each member of the appointed three member jury panel will grade every presentation of the session on the below given criteria. The final result will be based on the combined grading of all three jury members.

- a) Organization of clinical contents in the presentation
- b) Clarity of artwork (charts/graphs/AVI Files/slides)
- c) Presenter’s explanation of the research
- d) Completion of the presentation in allotted time
- e) Presenters conduct during Judges interaction (Q&A) with the presenter
- f) Superiority of research and clinical application

**Award Benefits:**
1. Presenter is entitled to reduced registration fee as decided by organizing committee.
2. The winner will be awarded with a **certificate**, a **medal** and **complimentary registration** during the **next annual IAE conference**.
3. IAE will facilitate the winner for placement / Internship, if he / she desires, in a reputed foreign echo lab in USA / Europe to pursue their research interest for a period of three months **with no financial implications to IAE**.
4. Presented papers will be published in the edition of **Journal of IAE**

**Key information:**
1. Allocated oral presentation time will be 9 (nine) minutes followed by 3 (three) minutes for discussion by judges during the Young Investigator Award Session of the ECHO INDIA Conference. However this will depend on number of presentations received and on discretion of the scientific committee.

**Application process:**
1. The application should be submitted on a prescribed form which can be downloaded from the IAE / ECHO INDIA website.
2. The completed form should be emailed to the Scientific Chairman of the ECHO INDIA Conference.
3. The last date for submission of application is July 31.
4. The outcomes of the evaluation will be provided to successful awardees by e-mail by August 31.
5. The decision of the scientific committee and panel of judges is final and cannot be disputed.
6. For further information, please contact IAE Headquarters.

**Presentation format:**
- CD format with selected sequences for presentation in AVI format only.
- There should not be more than 6-8 sequences, if possible during study presentation.
- Minimum number of slides should be used for clinical history with only positive relevant investigations.
- Relevant ECG, X-ray and other investigation etc should be included.
- A take home message from the research study.