



Joint ARIES-IIA -AWSAR Competition (JAI-AWSAR)

ARIES and IIA invite popular science articles from PhD students under the joint ARIES-IIA Augmenting Writing Skills for Articulating Research (AWSAR) Programme, JAI-AWSAR. All PhD students of ARIES and IIA, who have completed two years in the program are eligible to submit entries.

Entries should have their research presented in a way that would interest non-scientific audience. The article must aim at general audience through popular writing. The story should focus on answering the queries such as why does my research matter? Why is it important? Why does it interest researchers? Why should it interest the general audience? etc. The article must be based on the research undertaken by the individual researcher. The article could be on complete or part of the research conducted, but it should not be a general review of the area and must have the component of new knowledge created as part of the research. The overall terms and conditions are similar to the AWSAR guidelines of the DST given in <https://www.awsar-dst.in/guidelines>

Articles of 1000-1500 words (A4-size with 2.5 cm margin on all sides, single column, Times New Roman font, font size 12, 1.5 line spacing written in MS Word) will be accepted. No complex figures, graphs, equations or formulae should be included except self-explanatory infographics which may be formulated for effective communication. JAI-AWSAR entries are encouraged to be submitted to the DST AWSAR completion as the formats are the same.

A panel of eminent scientists and science communicators constituted jointly by IIA and ARIES will select the winning entries. The prizes will be as follows:

1. First prize: Rs. 10,000.00
2. Second prize: Rs. 7,000.00
3. Third Prize: Rs. 5,000.00
4. 3 consolation prizes of each Rs. 1000.00

Last date for entries: 30 September 2020. The results will be announced in an appropriate joint event. Entries to be submitted to the Directors of the respective Institutes.

