

# YY Study Grants: 2023 Overview

*"The Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) unites and supports the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equity, and to ensure that cancer control continues to be a priority in the world health and development agenda."*



# UICC YY Study Grants



Dr Smita Joshi from India (far right) visited IARC in 2022, France through the YY Study Grant to investigate cervical cancer prevention in women living with HIV.

The Yamagiwa-Yoshida Memorial International Cancer Study Grants (YY Study Grants) programme supports international collaborative research visits of three months duration for established cancer professionals working in all disciplines of cancer research.

Since its inception in 1972, the YY Study Grant programme has contributed to the professional capacity development of over 330 Fellows from over 40 countries. The YY Study Grants provide an important opportunity to advance cancer research through international collaboration.

Their purpose is to enable individuals from any country to carry out cancer research projects abroad and including the opportunity to receive further training in research methods or techniques.



# Timeline of recent calls

- **2020:** As a result of the global pandemic in 2020, the opening of the annual YY Study grant call was delayed until October. Five applications were received, and four awards were made in early 2021.
- **2021:** Due to the continued pandemic and resulting limitations on international travel, the annual call was cancelled in 2021.
- **2022:** The 2022 YY Study grant call opened on September 1, and closed 31 December 2022. Five applications were received and three YY Study Grants were awarded in January 2023.
- **2023:** The next 2023 YY Study grant call is scheduled to open on September 15, 2023 and will close November 15 2023.



Dr Jane Kelly Oliveira Friestino, from University of Campinas, Brazil visited National Cancer Center, Japan in 2023 for her YY Study Grant project on developing a model for missing longitudinal cancer data and survival



# 2020 YY Study Grant Fellows awarded

Name	Organisation	Country	Host organisation	Host country	Title
<b>Smita Neelkanth Joshi</b>	Prayas	India	International Agency for Research on Cancer	France	Cervical cancer prevention in women living with HIV: analysis of the end of study results of a 10-year cohort study
<b>Guruprasad Kalthur</b>	Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University	India	Mayo Clinic	United States	Novel barcoding technology to track clonal expansion and spermatogenesis production of spermatogonial stem cells in an animal model
<b>Jane Kelly Oliveira Friestino</b>	University of Campinas	Brazil	National Cancer Center	Japan	Training in model for missing longitudinal data and survival
<b>Yelena Tarasenko</b>	Georgia Southern University	United States	International Agency for Research on Cancer	France	Cancer Screening (CanScreen5) in CIS Countries



# 2022 YY Study grant Fellows awarded

Name	Organisation	Country	Host organisation	Host country	Title
<b>Mahmoud Abdelgawad</b>	Al-Azhar university	Egypt	Fox Chase Cancer Center	United States	Dosimetric investigation and outcome evaluation of pulsed low dose radiotherapy
<b>Manon Cairat</b>	U1018 Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale (INSERM)	France	University of Southern Denmark	Denmark	Glucocorticoid use and risk of breast cancer: a large Danish population-based study
<b>Patumrat Sripan</b>	Chiang Mai University	Thailand	National Cancer Center	Japan	Translational research on rare cancers in Thailand: Population-based epidemiological research as basis of basic clinical research to produce health innovations



# 2023 YY Study grant Fellows awarded

Name	Organisation	Country	Host organisation	Host country	Title
Laura Fozzatti	Universidad Nacional de Córdoba	Argentina	National Cancer Institute	United States	Assessing the potential of TIM3 as a therapeutic target in Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer
Seema Bhatnagar	Amity University Noida	India	Indiana university Bloomington	United States	Development of an AI driven Imaging Platform for In-Ovo image analysis for preclinical testing of anticancer agents
Lee Fah Yap	University of Malaya	Malaysia	Mahidol University	Thailand	Spatial characterisation of the tumour microenvironment in nasopharyngeal carcinoma
Safdar Ali	University of Swabi	Pakistan	Princess Margaret Cancer Center	Canada	Photodynamic Therapy of Metastatic Lung Cancer: Luminescent Aerosols and treatment planning
Custer Deocaris	Philippine Nuclear Research Institute	Philippines	Universidade Federal do Pampa	Brazil	Targeting HRAS with radioprotector WR-2721 (amifostine)





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