

17TH CONPHYCS 2026 AWARDS

STATE LEVEL CONFERENCE • OFFICIAL AWARDS FRAMEWORK

Comprehensive Eligibility Criteria, Evaluation Framework & Governance Rules

Official Governance Policy: This revised document establishes standardized experience tiers, objective evidence requirements, explicit award limits, and formal evaluation rubrics to ensure complete transparency, rigor, and fairness across all categories.

1. OVERARCHING AWARD RULES & CATEGORY LIMITS

- **Maximum Awards Permitted:** A maximum of **one (1) award winner** and **one (1) runner-up** will be conferred per award title. The Awards Committee reserves the right to withhold an award if no candidate achieves the minimum passing threshold (70/100 points).
- **Application Track:** All award categories operate via direct self-application submission requiring mandatory supporting evidence.
- **Mandatory Supporting Documentation:** All submissions must include verifiable proof of professional experience (appointment/service certificates), detailed CV, and category-specific evidence portfolios (indexed publication lists, patent filings, audited clinical logs, digital analytics).

2. EVALUATION FRAMEWORK & SCORING RUBRIC

All candidates across all categories will be evaluated out of a **100-Point Standardized Rubric** across four core domains:

Evaluation Domain	Weightage	Measurable Evaluation Criteria & Verification Metrics
Domain 1: Evidence & Qualifications	25 Points	Verifiable length of experience, academic credentials, specialized certifications, institutional appointments, and recognized fellowship achievements.
Domain 2: Scholarly & Clinical Impact	35 Points	Scopus/PubMed indexed publications (h-index, citation counts), patent grants/filings, research grant values (\$), standardized clinical outcome metrics, and policy/protocol adoption.
Domain 3: Innovation & Pedagogy	20 Points	Verified proof-of-concept, adoption rate of educational tools, curriculum development portfolios, or verified platform analytics (viewership, reach, engagement).
Domain 4: Peer Leadership & Service	20 Points	Leadership positions in state/national associations, invited keynote lectures, institutional honors, and official community service logs.

3. CATEGORY 1: STUDENTS (UG / INTERNS / PG / PHD)

Rising Star Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Student Leadership & Peer Engagement

Enrolled UG, intern, PG, or PhD student demonstrating exceptional leadership in student committees, organizing academic/sports events, or leading community outreach.

Required Evidence: Official event sanction letters, committee appointment logs, and documented peer-mentorship program logs.

Sports Titan Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Sports & Athletic Excellence

Active student with notable athletic participation/placement in institutional, state, national, or international sports events within the past 3 years.

Required Evidence: Official placement certificates, event participation rosters, and logs of applying physio principles during athletic events.

Cultural Maestro Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Creative & Performing Arts

Recognized accomplishments in fine arts, performing arts, or stage performances representing the creative spirit of the physiotherapy community.

Required Evidence: Award certificates, event program bulletins, media coverage, or official stage rosters.

Podium Excellence Award

CONFERENCE TRACK

Scientific Paper / Poster Presentation

Conferred to top-scoring oral/poster presenters during CONPHYCS 2026 scientific sessions.

Required Evidence: Abstract acceptance letter, competitive rubric scores on presentation delivery, structured content, time adherence, and Q&A defense.

Community Impact Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Social Service & Rural Outreach

Active participation in organized rural health camps, public health awareness campaigns, or disability advocacy initiatives.

Required Evidence: Signed camp logs from organizing bodies, patient turnout metrics, and structured project summary reports.

4. CATEGORY 2: ACADEMIC & FACULTY TRACKS

EARLY-CAREER	MID-CAREER	SENIOR FACULTY
≤ 7 Years Experience	7 – 15 Years Experience	> 15 Years Experience

TIER A: EARLY-CAREER FACULTY (≤ 7 YEARS EXPERIENCE)

EduTech Innovator Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Teaching & Digital Innovation

Full-time faculty member with ≤ 7 years experience integrating digital tools, LMS platforms, simulation, or interactive media into daily teaching.

Required Evidence: LMS usage analytics, student learning outcome comparisons, and samples of created digital modules/videos.

Young Physio Innovator Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Pedagogy & Assessment Tools

Conceptually develops or implements a new teaching technique, clinical assessment tool, or ergonomic/assistive solution.

Required Evidence: Prototype design blueprints, proof-of-concept documentation, or pilot utility data in educational/clinical settings.

Early-Career Researcher Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Research & Publications

Emerging research record with notable publications in Scopus/PubMed indexed journals and active involvement in research projects.

Required Evidence: Publication list with DOI/indexing links, grant sanction letters, and undergraduate/postgraduate research mentorship records.

TIER B: MID-CAREER FACULTY (7 – 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE)

Pedagogical Innovator Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Curriculum Development & Mid-Career Teaching

Honors mid-career educators introducing major pedagogical frameworks, outcome-based modules, or advanced clinical training courses.

Required Evidence: Institutional course approval documentation, multi-cohort student evaluation reports, and syllabus innovation records.

PhysioNova (Rehab Tech & Patents)

SELF-APPLICATION

Rehabilitation Technology & Device Creation

Creation of a tangible prototype, novel therapeutic technique, software/app, or patentable device in rehabilitation.

Required Evidence: Patent application/grant numbers, working prototype documentation, or published clinical validation studies.

Research-to-Practice / Research-to-Policy Impact Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Clinical Implementation & Translation

Translates bench research or clinical trials into documented, actionable healthcare improvements, clinical protocols, or public health policies.

Required Evidence: Published clinical practice guidelines, adoption letters from hospital boards/policy bodies, or multicenter outcome data.

TIER C: SENIOR ACADEMICIANS (> 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE)

Master Educator Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Academic Excellence & Legacy

Sustained track record of academic leadership, curriculum development, and mentoring multiple generations of students and junior faculty.

Required Evidence: PG/PhD thesis supervision records, state-level pedagogical workshops conducted, and continuous academic evaluations.

Academic Leadership & Best Practice Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Institutional Development

Successfully establishes and manages specialized clinical departments, academic labs, or university-community rehabilitation centers.

Required Evidence: Departmental establishment records, standardized protocol handbooks, and institutional collaboration agreements.

5. CATEGORY 3: CLINICIANS & HEALTHCARE LEADERS

Emerging Clinical Talent Award (< 7 Years Clinical Experience)

SELF-APPLICATION

Early-Career Clinical Practice

Recognizes early-career clinicians demonstrating high clinical skills, adoption of evidence-based practice, and exceptional patient outcomes.

Required Evidence: Specialty training certifications, verified case reports, and audited patient feedback scores.

Clinical Trailblazer Award (7 – 15 Years Clinical Experience)

SELF-APPLICATION

Specialized Sub-Specialty Practice

Pioneering a niche clinical sub-specialty (e.g., Vestibular Rehab, Pelvic Health, ICU Mobility, Oncology Rehab) and serving as a regional referral specialist.

Required Evidence: Regional referral documentation, clinical program setup proofs, and clinical workshop/training logs.

Rehab Champion Award (> 15 Years Clinical Experience)

SELF-APPLICATION

Complex Clinical Care & Long-Term Advocacy

Extraordinary dedication to patient functional restoration, complex case management, and sustained leadership in rehabilitation care.

Required Evidence: Standardized functional outcome data (e.g., FIM, Barthel Index) over long-term cohorts, and interdisciplinary team leadership records.

6. CATEGORY 4: DIGITAL CREATORS & INFLUENCERS

Physio Voice of the Year Award

SELF-APPLICATION

Digital Outreach & Educational Media

Open to students, faculty, or clinicians creating high-quality, evidence-backed digital content aimed at simplifying anatomy, biomechanics, clinical skills, or research.

Required Evidence: Public channel links, verified analytics (reach, engagement, monthly views), and expert peer-review of content accuracy. *Strict exclusion for platforms promoting unverified shortcuts or copyright-infringing content.*

7. AWARDS COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE & CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI)

To preserve complete impartiality, transparency, and integrity, the 17th CONPHYCS Awards Committee will operate under strict governance protocols:

Committee Composition & Structure:

1. **Jury Chairperson:** Senior neutral professional (Retired Principal, University Dean, or Senior Fellow).
2. **Academic Evaluation Panel:** Three (3) Senior Academicians (> 15 years experience) representing diverse specialties.
3. **Clinical Evaluation Panel:** Two (2) Senior Clinical Consultants (> 15 years experience).
4. **Independent Auditor:** One (1) external audit member responsible for verifying scoring calculations and document authenticity.

Conflict of Interest (COI) Guidelines:

- Committee members must recuse themselves from judging any category containing applicants from their home institution, immediate family, or direct clinical team.

- If an Awards Committee member intends to apply for any award, they must formally resign from the committee prior to the opening of applications.
- All evaluation sheets, rubric scores, and submitted verification documents will be securely archived for 12 months for auditing purposes.