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GSA- Dr. A. K. Shah Best Research Paper Award in Sciences–2026

For Under-graduate and Post-graduate Teachers

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Subject Categories

A. Chemical Sciences
All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Chemical Sciences, including Chemistry, Materials Science, Forensic Science, and all related disciplines.

B. Life Sciences
All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Life Sciences, including Biology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Botany, Environment Science, Life Sciences, Zoology, Agriculture, and all related disciplines, excluding subjects covered under Microbiology.

C. Mathematical Sciences
All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Mathematical Sciences, including Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, and all related disciplines.

D. Microbiology
All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Microbiology and all related disciplines, excluding subjects covered under above section [B] Life Sciences.

E. Physical Sciences
All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Physical Sciences, including Physics, Applied Physics, Electronics, Earth Sciences, Atmospheric Science, Planetary Science, and all related disciplines.

Last Date of Application: January 05, 2027

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The Gujarat Science Academy (GSA), with the support of an Endowment fund from **Dr. A. K. Shah of Bhavan's Shet R. A. College of Science, Ahmedabad**, has instituted, in the year 2018, the GSA – Dr. A. K. Shah Best Research Paper Awards in Sciences to recognize and appreciate meritorious, outstanding original research work published by a permanent full time under-graduate and post-graduate teachers (teacher under Self-financed/HPP courses, private universities, private and self-finance colleges/HEIs, and part-time, contractual, adhoc, adhyapak sahayak, temporary, visiting, adjunct faculty members are not eligible to apply) of state funded University/ grant-in-aid and government College of the Gujarat State (Excluding private University/college, self-finance College/HEIs , Institutes fully funded by MHRD like NIT, Central University, IIT, Gujarat Vidhyapith, etc.). The award carries a certificate of honour and a Medal.

The GSA in association with the Department of Physics, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the **GSA – Dr. A. K. Shah Best Research Paper Award in Sciences – 2026.**

The competition of award will be in the following four broad subject categories:

(A) **Chemical Sciences:** All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Chemical Sciences, including Chemistry, Materials Science, Forensic Science, and all related disciplines.

(B) **Life Sciences:** All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Life Sciences, including Biology, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Botany, Environment Science, Life Sciences, Zoology, Agriculture, and all related disciplines, excluding subjects covered under Microbiology.

(C) **Mathematical Sciences:** All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Mathematical Sciences, including Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, and all related disciplines.

(D) **Microbiology:** All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Microbiology and all related disciplines, excluding subjects covered under above section [B] Life Sciences.

(E) **Physical Sciences:** All subjects in the broadest sense of the term Physical Sciences, including Physics, Applied Physics, Electronics, Earth Sciences, Atmospheric Science, Planetary Science, and all related disciplines.

Eligibility Criteria:

(i) The published research paper to be submitted by a permanent full-time under-graduate/post-graduate teacher should have been published during **January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026** in any of the above-mentioned subject categories.

(ii) The language of the research paper must be English.

(iii) A permanent full time under-graduate and post-graduate teachers (teacher under Self-financed/HPP courses, private universities, private and self-finance colleges/HEIs, and part-time, contractual, adhoc, adhyapak sahayak, temporary, visiting, adjunct faculty members are not eligible to apply) of state funded University/ grant-in-aid and government College of the Gujarat State (Excluding private University/college, self-finance College/HEIs , Institutes fully funded by MHRD like NIT, Central University, IIT, Gujarat Vidhyapith, etc.) who is submitting his/her research paper must have affiliation address of any University/College/ teaching institute of Gujarat State only will be considered (Excluding private University/college, self-finance College/HEIs , Institutes fully funded by MHRD like NIT, Central University, IIT, Gujarat Vidhyapith, etc.).

(iv) Any number of Co-authorship from any place/HEIs of the world is not a bar, but award is to be given to only the author falling under UG/PG teacher category as mentioned above and from any University/institute deemed to be University/College/teaching institute of Gujarat State (Excluding private University/college, self-finance College/HEIs, Institutes fully funded by MHRD like NIT, Central University, IIT, Gujarat Vidhyapith, etc.). The award is to be awarded to the permanent full-time UG/PG teacher applicant only. However, certificate may include full citation of the research paper.

(v) An eligible UG/PG teacher can submit only one research paper in a subject category. At the same time, he/she cannot submit the same research paper in different subject categories simultaneously. However, the UG/PG teacher can submit different research papers in different subject categories.

(vi) A Submitted research paper must be published in any scientific journal indexed in **SCOPUS and/or WOS**, and has valid **Thomson Reuters/ Clerivate Impact Factor of 2 and above**.

The award will be given during the GSA's Annual Gujarat Science Congress (Venue, Date and Time will be communicated later on). The awardee will be presented a certificate of honour and a Medal. Application along with the copy of research paper (all as a single pdf file) should reach to the **gujaratscienceacademy@gmail.com** with a Subject line: GSA – Dr. A. K. Shah Best Research Paper Award in Sciences – 2026.

The last date for receipt of application is **January 05, 2027.**
There is **No Registration Fee.**

The Gujarat Science Academy reserves the right to consider/reject the nomination, decide the date, criteria of selection, final selection of the awardee, specification of scroll/certificate and a medal for the aforesaid Award. The decision of GSA in choosing the Awardees is final and cannot be challenged in any court of law anywhere.

For any query / help, feel free to contact:

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Application Form (Do not alter the given format)

Select Subject Category for which Application is made:

(A) Chemical Sciences (B) Life Sciences (C) Mathematical Sciences

(E) Microbiology (D) Physical Sciences

1. Name: _____ _____ _____ _____
   (Dr./Mr./Ms) (Surname/Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)
2. Birth-date : _____ (Date/Month/Year)
3. Are you permanent full-time UG/PG teacher? YES / NO Under-graduate / Post-graduate
   (Attach appointment order and latest salary-slip)
4. Present Position : _____ Subject of Appointment: _____
5. Present Pay Scale : _____ Date of Appointment: _____
6. Institute Address : _____
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7. Address for Correspondence : _____
   _____
8. Contact Nos. :(O):_____ (R):_____ (M):_____
9. email ID : _____
10. Academic Qualifications (PG onwards):

Degree	Year	University / Institution	Subject	Result
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11. Details of the publication: (Submit a copy of Publication along with the application form)
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    Year of Publication: _____
    DOI: _____
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Applicant's Statement/Undertaking

I, _____ hereby declare that the research paper which is submitted for the award of **GSA – Dr. A. K. Shah Best Research Paper Award in Sciences – 2026** is my/our original work and is not submitted for the award in another subject category. All co-authors of the research paper are aware of this application, and I have taken the due permission from all co-authors of the submitted paper. I am a permanent full-time UG/PG teacher (teacher under Self-financed/HPP courses, private universities, private and self-finance colleges/HEIs, and part-time, contractual, adhoc, adhyapak sahayak, temporary, visiting, adjunct faculty members are not eligible to apply) of state funded University/ grant-in-aid and government College of the Gujarat State (Excluding private University/college, self-finance College/HEIs , Institutes fully funded by MHRD like NIT, Central University, IIT, Gujarat Vidhyapith, etc.).

I also confirm that neither I nor any of my co-authors have submitted the same paper under the same or any other subject category.

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I also agree that "The Gujarat Science Academy reserves the right to consider/reject the application, decide the date, criteria of selection, final selection of the awardee, specification of certificate and a medal for the aforesaid Award. The decision of the GSA in choosing the Awardees is final and cannot be challenged in any court of law anywhere."

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Date: Name of the applicant: _____

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Research Paper:	YES / NO

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