

Proposal for
IAA Strengthening The Accounting Research Talent (START) Forum
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1. The Concept

The concept of the forum is for **Strengthening The Accounting Research Talent (START)** among the members of IAA. This is a unique initiative of Indian Accounting Association for promotion and strengthening the research in the area of accounting and providing an opportunity to the scholars in the area of accounting to showcase their research at national as well as international level. This initiative targets the promotion and publication of high-quality research papers in journals of repute.

2. The START Forum / Organizing Committee

The START organizing committee, to be nominated by IAA, will comprise of the following five members:

- a) Coordinator, (Member of IAA, preferably a Professor with good credentials in Research) who will be responsible for:
 - (i) Releasing the Call for Papers,
 - (ii) Fixing the date of conducting the online colloquium.
 - (iii) Contacting the Publishers of National and International Repute,
 - (iv) Conducting the colloquium of Researchers and Publishers (preferably once in the quarter) and
 - (v) Recoding, maintaining and presenting the results of the colloquium in the Executive Council and Annual Meeting of IAA.
- b) Two Advisors (Senior members of IAA and Professors of high repute in accounting research)
- c) President, IAA (Ex-officio Member)
- d) General Secretary, IAA (Ex-officio Member)

3. The Modus Operandi

STEP 1: The participants will register with START by paying a non-refundable fee of Rs 500 and submit their research paper.

STEP 2: The START Forum will contact the potential publishers and will announce the list of potential publishers / journals / editors of indexed books joining the upcoming colloquium.

STEP 3: The START Forum will send the papers received for a double-blind peer review.

STEP 4: The comments of the reviewers will be communicated to the authors so that they may revise the paper accordingly and resubmit. The potential publishers shall be informed about the detailed list of papers with title, area, number of pages etc.

STEP 5: The selected papers will be given a chance of online presentation in the colloquium before the publishers / editors of reputed journals. The time allowed for the presentation will be 15 minutes and in addition 5 minutes more will be given for Q-A. The decision of publishing / non-publishing will solely be of the publisher and the author.

STEP 6: The papers selected by the editors / publisher of the journal will sign an agreement with the author for processing further the paper for publication.

Following are the points to be noted:

- a) The fee paid by the authors (Rs 500) is for consideration of their paper in START process shall not be refundable.
- b) The authors shall not be free to send the paper for publication elsewhere till the same is under consideration of START.
- c) Only the members of Indian Accounting Association will be able to avail this facility. If the paper comprises of multiple authors, at least one of the authors must be the member of Indian Accounting Association.
- d) The IAA will provide its google meet platform for organizing the colloquium.
- e) START never guarantees any publication, rather it is a forum to facilitate the quality research. Publication shall purely depend on agreement between the publisher and the author.
- f) The process and / or procedure is subject to improvement as per directions received by the organizing committee / forum from time to time.
- g) Decision of IAA START Organizing Committee shall be final and binding in all related matters.