

Message from Dr. Umesh Gupta, Recipient of the 2019 AAiPS Young Educator and Investigator Award



I am delighted and honored to receive the prestigious Dr. Desh Bandhu Gupta AAiPS Award 2019 (Formerly known as AAiPS Young Educator and Investigator Award) given by American Association Indian Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAiPS) during AAPS Pharm Sci 360 held between 3-6 November 2019 at San Antonio Texas USA. This award recognizes my work and efforts toward pharmaceutical R&D in India. Such recognition boosts the morale of the entire pharmaceutical researcher community, further amplifying their focus and commitment and opening new doors of opportunity. This award is given every year to a young researcher working in Indian universities/institutes with excellent research capabilities/contribution to the area of pharmaceutical sciences. During this conference, I presented my research work entitled “PEGylated Dendrimer Mediated Delivery of Bortezomib for Improved Anticancer Efficacy and *in vivo* Pharmacokinetics” as a poster in one of the sessions. This award gave me a wonderful opportunity of networking with leading researchers and scientists worldwide. I was really able to interact one to one with some of the leading researchers working in my domain of research. This award also provided financial support for travel, accommodation and registration charges to attend the prestigious AAPS annual meeting and exposition. I believe giving such an opportunity and funding provides enthusiasm and encouragement to young researchers in India to showcase their research on an international platform. I am more confident and focused now and feel proud to be part of the AAiPS. I personally feel that this award opens-up a new door to young researchers like me to give the research ideas an international platform.

I came to know about this prestigious award from Pharma Times, the official publication of Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA). This award was reintroduced by AAiPS in India with coordinating support from IPA. I am grateful to IPA for its efforts to publicize, promote and encourage young scientists to apply for this award and recommend eligible research and academic fraternity of Indian pharmacy institutions. IPA is continuously inspiring scientists and acknowledging their research work by providing such an amazing platform to grow and make further strides in research and development. I am extremely grateful to IPA and AAiPS for providing me such an opportunity