ISBNPA Pioneers scholarship program 2019-2020 (study to be presented at #ISBNPA2021)

Purpose
● To provide funding to either conduct a small study, or for an existing study where funds are currently insufficient to complete the study such that the results can be disseminated.
● To provide funding for the study findings to be presented at an ISBNPA conference.

Who is eligible?
● Applicants should be early or mid-career researchers residing and working in an LMIC (not high income), as recognised by the World Bank.
● Each applicant should identify a mid-career or senior researcher who is willing to act as a mentor for their project. This person could be in the same country, or from another country. It would be preferable for the mentor to be a member of ISBNPA.

Amount?
● US$1500 research grant + US$1500 conference travel scholarship + free conference registration + registration to the NESI pre-conference workshop (if applicant is an early career researcher)

What the funding can be used for:
● Actual research costs, e.g. transport for data collection, fieldworker costs, equipment, materials and supplies for data collection.
● Funding contribution for the time of an early career researcher (Masters or PhD student, or postdoc ≤5 years post PhD) to complete a specific research task, e.g. collect data, complete data analysis.

What the funding cannot be used for:
● Salary contribution for a mid-career or senior researcher
● Institutional costs (e.g. university research levies)

Timeline and procedure
● Call for funding applications – September 2019
● Deadline for funding applications – October 19, 2019
● Decision on funding applications communicated – December 2019
● Successful applicants will sign a Memorandum of Agreement with ISBNPA – January 2020
● Funding awarded (only once MoA signed) – February 15 2020
● Complete data collection – May 2020
● Complete data analysis – July 2020
● Submit abstract draft to mentor and ISBNPA representative – September 2020
● Submit abstract – November / December 2020
● Funding paid in 2 or 3 installments

What if deadlines are not met?
● A motivation for extending deadline/s should be submitted to the ISBNPA selection committee.
● If 2 deadlines are not met, ISBNPA reserves the right to not pay further installments, and to withdraw the offer of funding to attend the ISBNPA conference.