



# The IBSA Foundation Fellowships 2020 Call

**IBSA Foundation for scientific research** funds every year talented researchers in order **to promote and allow them to do great science**, with 5 fellowships of **€ 30,000** in the following research fields:

- dermatology
- endocrinology
- fertility/urology
- orthopaedics/pain medicine/rheumatology

*and the 2020 special edition*

- coronavirus infections - systemic and tissue-specific effects, novel targets for potential therapies



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## Eligibility

Applicants must be under 40 years old on the deadline for the submission of proposals, they can be of any nationality and must have a degree in medicine, biology, pharmacy, biotechnology or bioengineering. Open to PhDs, post docs, and residents.

For the entire duration of the grant, applicants must be active in the Host Institution, i.e. a research organization (such as universities, hospitals or other research centres), irrespective of its legal status (organized under public or private law), whose primary goal is to independently conduct non-economic biomedical research and to disseminate its results.

## Application Procedure

Applicants are invited to submit their proposals no later than the **31st December 2020** on the dedicated platform [ibsafoundation.poliresearch.com](https://ibsafoundation.poliresearch.com)

Candidates should upload the project by applying **online** and provide the following additional documents as separate files:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. List of PubMed publications (max.5) of the past five years
3. Cover letter of a short self-presentation

Applications and supporting documentation are accepted only via the **online** application system.

## Selection Process

Proposals are evaluated by the international Scientific Board of the Foundation through a peer review process. The IBSA Foundation Board Management will make its final decision after having considered the recommendations of the scientific board. Award decisions are final.

Applicants are promptly informed as soon as a decision is reached, normally within two months from the deadline, and the Award is assigned only after presentation of the **acceptance letter by the Host Institution**, which should be sent to IBSA foundation within one week of the communication.

Award winners are invited to attend a private ceremony that will take place in the first quarter of 2021 usually at the IBSA Foundation Headquarters in Lugano (Switzerland). Travel costs and a one-night accommodation will be covered by the IBSA Foundation.

## Evaluation Criteria

Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Quality of the project to be developed in the host laboratory (Feasibility - Originality - Scientific value)
- CV of the candidate with particular emphasis on the research experience
- Appropriateness of the host laboratory for the proposed research

*The projects of applicants, who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institution different from the laboratory of origin receive an additional 10% scoring value by the Scientific Board.*



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## **Funding**

The budget (before taxes and duties) includes funding for salary and mobility costs, and is intended to cover the cost of living for 12 months (salary). The salary rate depends on the country being visited and may be subject to taxation. We cannot advise on respective national tax regulations and we recommend fellowship winners to contact the relevant authorities in the host country.

The IBSA Foundation Fellowship does not cover bench fees, overheads, funds for consumables or any other financial benefits for the host supervisor/the receiving institute. Additionally, it does not offer any travel grants for fellowship holders.

Projects must start by 2021 and fellowship holders cannot move the beginning of the fellowship to the following year.

## **Payment Instalments**

The grant will be paid in two instalments directly on the International Bank Account Number (IBAN) indicated by the candidate. Written confirmation of the start date by the host supervisor is mandatory. A first instalment of 50% will be paid before the start of the project and the second instalment of 50% by the end of the year 2021.

## **Acknowledgements & Responsibilities**

Publications related to the research awarded should acknowledge the support of the IBSA Foundation in the acknowledgement section of the manuscript and should read "IBSA Foundation for scientific research".

Each publication, press release or any other document or media communication citing results from the research carried out during the fellowship appointment must include an acknowledgement to IBSA Foundation and should read "IBSA Foundation for scientific research".

Every year winners are required to reply to the general questionnaire mailed by the IBSA Foundation. The reply is mandatory, as well as the prompt notification of any changes of e-mail and phone number details.