



**Call for Applications
IFSO IH Committees**

- ▶ Education and Training Committee
- ▶ Professional Guidelines Committee
- ▶ Research and Innovation Committee

DEADLINE 5 JULY 2026

Dear IFSO IH Members,

We have exciting news to share!

We are seeking applications from all Integrated Health professions for the following vacant positions:

◆ **Member of the Education and Training Committee (2+1 years = max 3 years)**

Aim of this committee:

To develop educational programmes to improve the clinical and leadership skills of IH members including research capability

Objectives:

- Liaise with IFSO IH Executive Board in developing the postgraduate programme and IH sessions at the World Congress
- Set up IH webinars, journal clubs, focussed on the IH members' needs

- Develop mentorship programme enabling IHPs to access appropriate mentors
- Develop IFSO Course for IHPs

Job Description:

The IFSO Integrated Health (IH) Education and Training Committee leads global educational initiatives for the multidisciplinary metabolic bariatric surgery (MBS) community.

The role of the members also includes:

1. The planning and delivery of two annual webinars, ensuring content reflects current evidence and clinical practice needs, with each IH committee or designee contributing a topic-specific session.
2. Participation in the evaluation and scoring of applicants for the IFSO IH Observerships.
3. Coordination of educational programming based on gaps highlighted in IFSO IH surveys, addressing the needs of key IH disciplines including behavioral health, nursing, nutrition, physiotherapy, pharmacy, and obesity medicine.
4. Other projects identified by the IFSO IH Education and Training committee.

◆ Member of Professional Guidelines Committee (2+1 years = max 3 years)

Aim of this committee:

To lead the development of evidence-based guidelines, position statements, and patient care pathways

Objectives:

- Identify, develop, and update evidence-based guidelines, position statements, and patient care pathways for the different IH disciplines

Job description:

Overall: to provide strategic leadership on the development of position statements, consensus statements and guidelines on issues related to Integrated Health practice for the treatment of obesity and related conditions.

1. Attend regular online meetings and be flexible to accommodate time zones
2. Develop a strategic programme of work to prioritise areas of greatest need
3. Develop IFSO members careers and roles
4. Organise and provide any training as required, including signposting to resources.
5. Provide mentorship and oversight of projects
6. Liaise with Scientific Committee for approval of statements and guidelines and publish them on *Obesity Surgery*
7. Work on appropriate dissemination to ensure statements and guidelines have global reach across IFSO Chapters.
8. Host a Professional Guidelines session at the annual IFSO Congress on topics relevant to Integrated Health practice
9. Liaise with the Chairs of Research and Innovation and Training and Education to provide support and develop further resources e.g. research projects and training, to maximise expertise across IFSO Integrated Health
10. Attend monthly IH Executive Board meetings and provide reports as requested

◆ Member Research and Innovation Committee (2+1 years = max 3 years)

Aims of this committee:

To enhance innovation, rigor, and impact of research conducted by IH professionals. The committee operates globally with a virtual-first format and occasional in-person meetings aligned with international congresses. Members

commit about 2-3 hours per month, with additional time during project milestones and the annual congress.

The IH-RIC aims to advance high-impact, equitable, and implementable integrated health research and innovation that improves outcomes, access, safety, and patient experience in metabolic and bariatric surgery and other evidence-based obesity therapies. The committee identifies and prioritizes critical research and innovation needs across pre-, peri-, and post-treatment care; catalyzes interdisciplinary research collaborations with a focus on early career development; translates evidence into practice through knowledge dissemination; promotes responsible use of digital health and data science to enhance care quality and equity; ensures patient perspectives, ethics, and health equity are embedded throughout the research life cycle.

Objectives

1. Provide research training opportunities via IH webinars, journal clubs, postgraduate courses, and main conference sessions
2. Continue the early-stage IFSO IH investigator award program
3. Develop mentorship program enabling early-stage IH researchers to apply and match with senior IH researchers to work on a joint project
4. Establish an IFSO IH pilot research grant program
5. Establish an online IFSO IH Research Q&A forum for IH researchers to communicate with each other to get answers from experts or start a scientific discussion
6. Establish an IFSO IH-focused global research registry

Job description:

We seek applicants with the following qualifications: advanced training or equivalent experience in fields integral to obesity care (e.g., psychological/behavioral medicine, nursing, dietetics/nutrition, exercise science/physiotherapy, pharmacy, social work, physician assistant/advanced practice, health services/implementation science, public health, data

science/digital health); demonstrated implementation leadership in metabolic bariatric surgery or other obesity therapies; track record of collaboration and multidisciplinary teamwork; experience with research methods relevant to integrated health (clinical trials, behavioral intervention development, implementation science, health equity research, digital health, outcomes/registry science).

Preferred experience includes prior committee or guideline development services; success in multicenter or international projects; engagement of patient partners and community stakeholders; knowledge of data governance, ethics, and responsible innovation; and grant writing or study incubation leadership.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should:

- Be an IFSO member in good standing
- Have been active in Integrated Health within their national society or at international level
- Have been actively engaged in the practice and/or science of Metabolic Bariatric Surgery
- Be able to attend and actively participate in committee meetings and activities
- Take on an area of responsibility agreed with the officers and report back at meetings
- Have demonstrated a history of leadership and effective service

We welcome applications from both junior and senior IH professionals.

We invite you to apply by sending your candidature to info@ifso.com along with your CV (not longer than 5 pages) and one personal statement (max 500 words) to explain why you should be considered for the position, by **July 12th, 2026**.

If you need any further information, please feel free to contact us anytime.

We look forward to receiving your applications!

Thank you




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GOOD LUCK! 





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