



# OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM 2024

The Observership is meant to offer young members or in the early phase of their career the chance to go to a foreign hospital to OBSERVE (not to operate) the activity of the whole Metabolic Bariatric Department for 1 week.

If the applicant is available he/she could stay for one/two more weeks or go to another hospital for one/two more week (max 3 weeks in total).

At the end of the observership the applicant will receive a Certificate to testify that he/she has completed the Observership Program. The winners can receive the certificate at the IFSO world congress in Melbourne (if attending).

The applicants will have to provide a written report of their experience by 2 weeks after finishing it.

# EDUCATIONAL GRANT SUPPORT



- ▶ IFSO will provide travel reimbursement, accommodation, local transportation and meals for a minimum of one week up to three weeks. The amount of the travel and accommodation will be checked on a case by case basis according to the city of origin and the hosting city and the length of the stay (max 2,500 USD\$).
- ▶ Any additional expense is at the observer's charge.
- ▶ For the year 2024 IFSO aims to offer 20 observerships, 4 in each chapter.

# LIST OF HOSPITALS

- ▶ IFSO has identified a list of the best and most renowned hospitals in the different Chapters to offer the best experience to our young members.
- ▶ Each of these hospitals have the following requirements: Routine protocols, Logistic support, >200 MBS cases/year, Multidisciplinary team in place



# APPLICANTS' MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS



- Applicants must be IFSO Members in good standing, graduates of schools of medicine.
- Applicants must not be over 45 (at the time of the application)
- Applicants must be practicing in MBS
- Applicants must be in their training period, or, at the date of the application, be no more than 5 years out from finishing their training period
- Applicants may only be awarded this grant once
- ▶ Successful applicants must provide a written report to IFSO within a month of the completion of the Observership.

# APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

## 1. Application form

## 2. One page CV

## 3. One page personal statement covering:

- Overall future career aim in MBS
- What is the next step in career development
- Why the observership will help the Applicant in his/her career
- How the observership will help contribute to the development of MBS in the applicant's home country

## 4. Letter of recommendation from the Head of Department or professional mentor or IFSO member who vouches for the applicant

- Type and Number of BMS cases
- current level of training
- proposed career development



**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:  
JUNE 8, 2024.**

**PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO [INFO@IFSO.COM](mailto:INFO@IFSO.COM)  
WITH ALL THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS:**

- 1) APPLICATION FORM**
- 2) CV**
- 3) PERSONAL STATEMENT**
- 4) LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

## START OF THE OBSERVERSHIP

THE GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN AND THE OBSERVERSHIP CAN BEGIN AS SOON AS THE SELECTION PROCESS OF THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE OVER, **NOT LATER THAN JULY 2024.**