



### **IFSO APC SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES 2019**

One of the main activities of IFSO is the organization of the annual IFSO World Congress, which provides a forum to exchange knowledge on surgical treatment of severely obese patients, to present new techniques, research and concepts, and to meet the experts in the field. The Congress also promotes the specialty of Bariatric Surgery around the world and provide the opportunity for fellowship and collegiality amongst members from each chapter.

In support of this aim, IFSO APC offers **3 Scholarships** to young members from countries whose Bariatric Surgery Societies are members of IFSO APC and who show strong interests, initial accomplishments and potential for future career development in bariatric surgery and/or other obesity related specialties. **One Scholarship out of the three will usually be awarded to an IH member.**

The principal purpose of the Scholarship is to support attendance at the IFSO World Congress.

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of: **USD\$ 2,500** (registration in the Congress is not included).

The applications must be sent in writing to IFSO Secretariat ([info@ifso.com](mailto:info@ifso.com)) **by July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019.**

#### **Regulations:**

- **Applicants must be IFSO APC Members in good standing**, graduates of schools of medicine and/or other associated disciplines (I.H. members), not over 40 years (at the time of the application)
- Applicants must be in, or planning to be, in bariatric surgical or other bariatric surgery related specialties practice or training (including fellowships/other scholarships)
- Applicants must have at least one abstract of their own work accepted for presentation at the IFSO Annual World Congress (only for surgeons, not for IH applicants)
- Applicants must be in their training period
- Applicants whose careers are in the developing stage are deemed more suitable than those who are serving in senior academic appointments

Applicants may only be awarded this prize once

Successful applicants must provide a written report to IFSO within 2 months of the completion of the World Congress.

The Presidents of the member societies are kindly requested to inform their members about the availability of Scholarships and about the regulations and requirements for applications. Applications received by the deadline will be graded according to an objective system by the "Scholarship Committee", which will award the 3 Scholarships. The Committee will ordinarily be composed of: President, President Elect, Past President, Chair of the Scientific Committee, Chair of the I.H. Committee.

The Secretariat will inform all applicants of the result in a timely way by email.

## **Requirements for Application**

Applicants should apply in writing to IFSO secretariat. All applications must be supported by the following 5 documents:

1. **A structured one page CV giving**

- Name
- date of birth
- demographic data & personal details
- qualifications
- training
- employment history
- current post

No photos or title pages should be included.

2. **A one page (only) list of publications\* (not mandatory for I.H. applicants)**

This should separate:

- Bariatric related publications
- Other publications

Where one page is insufficient, the applicant should provide the total number of publications over their career as well as the publications in the last 5 years and 5 most significant publications.

3. **A one page (maximum) statement by the Applicant covering:**

- Overall future career aim in bariatric surgery
- What is the next step in career development
- Why the scholarship will help the Applicant in this
- How the scholarship will help contribute to the development of bariatric surgery in the Applicant's home country / institute

4. **A letter from the Head of Department or professional mentor describing the Applicant's**

- ability
- current level of training
- proposed career development
- leadership potential

5. **A copy of the accepted Abstract at IFSO World Congress\* (not mandatory for I.H. applicants)**

**\*N.B. IH applicants are excused from providing the list of publications and from having an accepted abstracts at the IFSO 2019.**