



# Integrated Health OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM 2025

The Observership is designed to offer Integrated Health (IH) members the chance to visit a foreign hospital to OBSERVE (but not practice) the activity of various Integrated Health disciplines of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery for the time frame of 1 week.

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

At the conclusion of the Observership, the applicant will receive a Certificate to testify that he/she has completed the IFSO IH Observership Program.

The applicant will be required to complete a survey-report of their experience within 2 weeks of completion.

# EDUCATIONAL GRANT SUPPORT



- ▶ IFSO will provide travel reimbursement, accommodation, local transportation and meals for a minimum of one week, and up to three weeks. The grant for the travel and accommodation will be determined on a case-by-case basis according to the city of origin, the hosting city and the length of the stay (up to \$ 2,500 USD).
- ▶ Any additional expenses are the observer's responsibility.
- ▶ For the year 2025, IFSO aims to offer 10 Integrated Health Observership grants.

# LIST OF HOSPITALS

- ▶ IFSO has identified a list of the most renowned and experienced hospitals in the different Chapters, to offer the most valuable experience to our Integrated Health members.
- ▶ Each of these hospitals fulfils the following requirements:
  - Routine protocols
  - A multidisciplinary team
  - Logistic support



# APPLICANTS MINIMAL REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be IFSO Integrated Health Members in good standing.
- Applicants must be at least 25 years of age (at the time of the application).
- Applicants must be currently practicing in the MBS field.
- Applicants should have the relevant professional registration or academic degree required to practice in their discipline.
- 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. A one-page CV

## 3. A one-page personal statement covering:

- Experience and contribution as an Integrated Health member of a multidisciplinary MBS team.
- How 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. A letter of recommendation from the Head of Department or professional mentor or IFSO member who vouches for the applicant

- How the applicant has contributed to the MBS program or department.
- How an observership could help the applicant and/ or MBS program.



**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS:**  
**4<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

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 IS OVER.