



OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM 2025

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 to 3 weeks.

At the end of the observership the applicant will receive a Certificate to testify that he/she has completed the Observership Program. The winners who will attend IFSO World Congress 2025 can receive the certificate by the IFSO President at the IFSO world congress in Santiago.

The applicants will have to complete an online survey to report about their experience 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 (up to 2,500 USD\$).
- ▶ Any additional expense is at the observer's charge.
- ▶ For the year 2025 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 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 complete an online survey to 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:
APRIL 20, 2025.

PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO 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, PREFERABLY BETWEEN MAY AND SEPTEMBER 2025.