



IFSO-MENAC SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES 2024

One of the main activities of IFSO-MENAC is the organization of an annual 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.

In support of this aim, IFSO-MENAC offers **4 Scholarships** to young deserving members from countries whose Bariatric Surgery Societies are **members of IFSO-MENAC** and who show strong interests, initial accomplishments and potential for future career development in bariatric surgery and Integrated Health related specialties.

The principal purpose of the Scholarship is to support attendance at the IFSO-MENAC Congress 2024.

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of: **500,00 Euros** + the complimentary registration at the IFSO-MENAC Congress 2024.

The applications must be sent in writing to IFSO Secretariat (info@ifso.com) by **October 13th, 2024**.

Regulations:

- 1) Applicants must be **IFSO-MENAC members in good standing and not over 45 years of age** at the date of the application
- 2) Applicants must be graduates of schools of medicine and/or other associated disciplines.
- 3) Applicants must demonstrate interest in bariatric surgery and/or other Integrated health disciplines.
- 4) Applications will be accepted only when the applicants have been in surgical or other specialist practice for a minimum of one year at their intended permanent location, or be on a nationally recognized specialist training program (excluding *freestanding* fellowships/other scholarships).
- 5) Applicants whose careers are in the development stage are deemed more suitable than those who are serving in senior appointments.
- 6) Applications must be supported by the documents listed below under "Requirements for Application".
- 7) Successful applicants are expected to provide IFSO secretariat a written report within 4 weeks after the Congress
- 8) Applicants may only be awarded this prize once

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

Documents requested for Application :

Applicants should apply in writing to IFSO-MENAC secretariat. All applications must be supported by the following 4 documents:

1. A structured 1 page CV giving

- Name
- date of birth
- demographic data & personal details (including stable residence)
- qualifications

- training
- employment history
- current post
- anything else relevant that will fit on this single page

The CV should not include title pages or photos.

2. A 1 page (only) list of principal publications or presentations

Listing should separate:

- bariatric
- other

3. A 150 word (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