



## **IFSO SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES 2020**

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.

Due to the spread of COVID-19, this year the IFSO World Congress will be held ONLINE for the first time.

Nevertheless IFSO wants to support also this year young and talented surgeons by offering **10 Scholarships** for clinical and research work to young members from countries whose Bariatric Surgery Societies are members of IFSO and who show strong interests, initial accomplishments and potential for future career development in bariatric surgery and/or other obesity related specialties. One Scholarship will usually be awarded to an applicant from each of the IFSO chapters.

Each Scholarship consists this year of **USD\$ 500** + free registration in the IFSO Web Congress

Applications must be sent in writing to IFSO Secretariat ([info@ifso.com](mailto:info@ifso.com)) **by August 30<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

### **Regulations:**

- Applicants must be IFSO Members in good standing, graduates of schools of medicine and/or other associated disciplines, 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 be in their training period, or, at the date of the application no more than 5 years have to be passed after finishing their training period
- Applicants whose careers are in the developing stage are deemed more suitable than those who are serving in senior academic appointments

Applications received by the deadline will be graded according to an objective system by the "Scholarship Committee", which will award the 5 Scholarships.

The Secretariat will inform all applicants of the result in a timely way by email and will request their bank details for the bank transfer.

### **Requirements for Application**

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

1. Application form
2. 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.

3. A one page (only) list of publications

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.

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

- Overall future career aim in bariatric surgery
- What is the next step in career development