

ISPD ASIAN CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

Aims

The purpose of these awards is to promote PD awareness, knowledge and expertise by visiting a centre of excellence for 2-3 months. It is intended primarily for nephrologists and renal nurses in Asia especially in the developing countries*. The Awards Committee reviews the applications with respect to merit, appropriateness, supervisor and unit for visit, geographical distribution wherever possible and the rationale for financial request. The number of awards will be subjected to the financial situation of the ISPD Asian Chapter.

Application Process

There will be 2 rounds per year. The deadlines for applications are 30th June and 31st December respectively. A completed application form with along with a curriculum vitae, a recommendation letter from the director of the nephrology unit or department, and a letter of acceptance from the institution to be visited, should be submitted to the Chair of the Committee. A letter of support from the administrator of the applicant's institution is advisable.

Amount for the Award

The award funds are to be used to support travel and living expenses during the visit and/or to support the learning process during the visit, covering an economic round-trip airfare and living allowance to a maximum US\$1,000 per month depending on the living standard of the training center city. The total maximum per individual cannot exceed US\$3,000. Financial breakdowns with supportive evidence is required for award amount approval. Notification of the Committee's decision will be made by the Chair of the committee within three months of close application. Cheques will be sent to the Director of the accepting center after arrival or otherwise specially arranged.

Duration of Visit

The applicant shall spend at least 6 weeks at the training site. There is no partial award to support visits of less than 6 weeks. The applicant should commence the visit within 6 months after notification of the award. Candidates may extend the training period beyond 3 months at their own cost. Postponement of commencement date without prior approval would lead to loss of the scholarship.

Eligibility

Applicants must have to be an ISPD member including MD, trainee, nurse or institutional member. There is no age restriction. Excluded from eligibility are employees of industry. The training center has to be a center in Asia or Australia / Oceania with more than 75 home PD patients and has been established for not less than 5 years. Priority will be given to clinical training. A list of available, but not exclusive, training centers is available for contact.

Deadline for Application: 30 June or 31 December each year

*Developing countries refer to those countries eligible for ISPD institutional membership.

The ISPD Asian Chapter Scholarship Application Form Format

The application form should contains the following:

1. Applicant's Personal Information
 - a. full name (Family name, first and middle names)
 - b. gender
 - c. date of birth
 - d. nationality
 - e. current position
 - f. institution
 - g. office address
 - h. correspondence address (if different from office address)
 - i. phone number
 - j. FAX number
 - k. E-mail address
2. Training institute
 - a. name of trainer
 - b. name of training institute
 - c. full address of training institute
 - d. phone number
 - e. FAX number
 - f. E-mail address of trainer
 - g. year of establishment of the peritoneal dialysis service
 - h. current number of home peritoneal dialysis patients
3. Curriculum Vitae of applicant
 - a. medical degree and institute
 - b. carrier history

- c. any previous exposure to peritoneal dialysis
 - d. any publications
 - e. others
4. Purpose of training
5. Proposed date and duration of training
6. Any undertaking with applicant's institute
7. Your proposed plan after training
8. Amount of award application (please provide details):
 - a. economic round-trip airfare
 - b. accommodation expenses
 - c. relevant living expenses
 - d. Total amount applied
9. Signature and date
10. Accompanying documents
 - a. support letter from department head
 - b. support letter from administrator
 - c. acceptance letter from training institute
 - d. 3 recent photographs

Please send the application form with relevant documents, together with a soft copy of the application form (by e-mail), to

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