

# IBSA Foundation Fellowships Call 2025



With the aim of promoting and allowing young and talented researchers to do great science, IBSA Foundation for scientific research offers **6 Fellowships of € 32'000** in the following research fields:

- DERMATOLOGY
- ENDOCRINOLOGY
- FERTILITY AND UROLOGY
- ORTHOPAEDICS AND RHEUMATOLOGY, PAIN MEDICINE
- HEALTHY AGING/REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

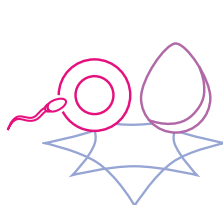
Two grants will be awarded to the scientific area with the highest number of projects received.



DERMATOLOGY



ENDOCRINOLOGY



FERTILITY/UROLOGY



ORTHOPAEDICS/  
RHEUMATOLOGY/  
PAIN MEDICINE



HEALTHY AGING/  
REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

## IBSA Foundation Research Equity Prize

As part of the IBSA Foundation Fellowships, a €5'000 award will be given to the best scientific project developed in a laboratory, research institute or university based in a developing country.

This special award aims to promote equity in access to research, recognising emerging scientific excellence in resource-limited contexts and strengthening international dialogue within the scientific community.

The list of eligible countries is available on the [United Nations website](#): Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia excluding Israel, Japan and the Republic of Korea, and Oceania excluding Australia and New Zealand.

## Eligibility requirements for Fellowships and the Research Equity Prize

Applicants of any nationality must be **under 40 years old** on the deadline for the submission of proposals.

They must have a **degree** in medicine, biology, pharmacy, biotechnology or bioengineering. **Open** to PhD students, PhD, Post-Doc and residents. Permanent positions such as Professors **cannot apply**.

For the entire duration of the grant, applicants must be active in the **Host Institution**, i.e. a research organization (such as universities, hospitals or other research centres), irrespective of its legal status (organized under public or private law), whose primary goal is to independently conduct non-economic biomedical research and to disseminate its results.

## Application Procedure

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Applicants are invited to submit their proposals no later than the **31<sup>st</sup> of January 2026** via the [dedicated platform](#) and shall provide the following additional documents as separate files:

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. List of best peer-reviewed scientific publications (min 1 - max 3)
3. Cover letter of a short self-presentation

Applications and supporting documentation are only accepted via the [online application system](#).

## Selection Process

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Proposals are evaluated by the Scientific Board of IBSA Foundation through a *peer review process*. The Board will make its final decision after having considered the recommendations of the Board. Award decisions are final.

Applicants are promptly informed as soon as a decision is reached, normally within two months from the deadline. The award is assigned only after presentation of the **acceptance letter by the Host Institution**, which should be sent to IBSA Foundation within one week of the communication.

The Awards Ceremony will be held during spring 2026. The exact date, venue and modality will be confirmed when the results are announced.

## Evaluation Criteria

Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Quality of the project to be developed in the host laboratory (Feasibility - Originality - Scientific value - Relevance to the selected therapeutic area)
- CV of the candidate with particular emphasis on the research experience
- Appropriateness of the host laboratory for the proposed research

*The projects of applicants, who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institution different from the laboratory of origin receive a note of merit by the Scientific Board.*

## Economic Conditions and Payment Terms

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The Fellowship amount (before taxes and duties) includes funding for **salary and mobility costs**, and is intended to cover the cost of living for **12 months**. The Fellowship can be added to other awards, to increase the salary.

Bench fees, overheads, funds for consumables or any other financial benefits for the host supervisor/the receiving institute **are not covered**.

Projects must **start by 2026** and Fellowship holders cannot move the beginning of the Fellowship to the following year.

The salary rate depends on the country being visited and may be subject to taxation. IBSA Foundation cannot advise on respective national tax regulations, and we recommend Fellowship winners to contact the competent authorities in the host country.

## Payment Instalments

The Fellowship will be paid in **two instalments** directly on the bank account (IBAN) indicated by the candidate. Written confirmation of the start date by the host supervisor is mandatory. A first instalment of 50% will be paid before the start of the project and the second instalment of 50% by the end of the year 2026.

The amount of the IBSA Foundation Research Equity Prize will be paid in a single instalment before the start of the project.

## Acknowledgements & Responsibilities

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Publications related to the research awarded should acknowledge our support in the acknowledgement section of the manuscript and should read "IBSA Foundation for scientific research".

Each publication, press release or any other document or media communication citing results from the research carried out during the Fellowship appointment must include an acknowledgement reading "IBSA Foundation for scientific research".

Every year winners are required to reply to the survey mailed by the IBSA Foundation. The reply is mandatory, as well as the prompt notification of any changes of e-mail and phone number details.