



IPTA FELLOWSHIP TRAINING GRANT

GENERAL INFORMATION

The IPTA Fellowship Grants have been developed to provide pediatricians, surgeons and/or allied health professionals who live far from a pediatric solid organ transplantation training center with training in order to disseminate knowledge and expertise in pediatric solid organ transplantation to different regions around the world.

Duration: 3-6 months.

Funding: \$30,000 will be budgeted annually to support 3-6 fellowship grants at \$5,000-\$10,000 (maximum \$5,000 per 3 months). Funding awarded will be determined by length of fellowship and cost of living at the fellowship site. Funding is meant to be a supplement for the duration of the experience and applicants are expected to have funding from other sources to support themselves for the time away.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applications may be submitted for clinical training/exposure to pediatric solid organ transplantation. Applicants are responsible for identifying a suitable Sponsor and Sponsor institution. Applicant and Sponsor are responsible for joint development of a proposal for clinical training/exposure.

1. IPTA Fellowship Grants are meant for individuals who currently are or are going to assume clinical responsibility for pediatric solid organ transplant recipients in a developing country including kidney, liver, heart, lung, small intestine, pancreas and multivisceral transplantation. Formal fellowship training in any field of pediatric solid organ transplantation is not a prerequisite.
2. The Fellowship Grant is intended to support or supplement travel, accommodation and daily living during the period of clinical training/exposure. Funds cannot be used for salary support or to pay the training institution.
3. The applicant must be sponsored by an active member of the IPTA. The applicant and sponsor must be active members at the time of the application and must maintain membership throughout the life of the grant, otherwise, the application will not be considered for funding.
4. The work must be performed at a site with an active pediatric solid organ transplantation program under the direct mentorship of an IPTA member.

5. The Applicant and Sponsor must verify the Applicant's working knowledge of the primary language at the Sponsor centre to ensure a beneficial learning experience for the Applicant without a significant language barrier.
6. The applicant must have an MD or equivalent graduate degree or an allied health professional degree at the time of the application.
7. Trainees currently in a fellowship program may apply in order to extend their stay for 3-6 months *to focus on transplantation*.

REVIEW PROCESS

The review criteria include the qualifications and needs of the applicant and applicant institution, clinical training program, sponsor and institution, with an emphasis towards practical exposure to any field of pediatric solid organ transplantation.

All complete applications received by the submission deadline will be reviewed and scored by the appropriate IPTA Committee comprised of a broad panel of physicians from a number of institutions who have widespread expertise in all clinical specialties of pediatric solid organ transplantation.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

1. The funding is contingent upon having qualified applicants apply.
2. In order to support as many excellent physicians as possible, only one IPTA Fellowship Grant will be awarded per institution per year (applicant and/or sponsor). If more than one application from a given institution is submitted and deemed competitive, the IPTA will determine which grant to fund.
3. Funding is not transferable from one recipient to another.
4. A final synopsis of the experience and impact on the applicant's practice and center must be submitted to within one year of completion of the experience.



IPTA FELLOWSHIP GRANT PROPOSAL APPLICATION

Basic Information

Full Name:

Current Position:

Mailing Address:

City:

State/Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Phone Number:

E-mail:

Education & Training

Institution Name:

Institution Address:

City:

State/Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Degree:

Year(s) of completion:

Field(s) of Study:

Proposed Clinical Training

For the following questions, please check all that apply

1. Will this fellowship be: Medical Surgical

2. Which Organ(s):

Kidney Liver Heart Lung Small Intestine

Pancreas Multi-visceral Other:

3. Specify clinical training:

Hands-on experience with direct patient care Observational exposure

4. Duration of training:

Open Ended Questions

(If additional room is needed, please attached responses to the application)

1. Description of the transplant patient population in the Applicant's centre including existing patients and projected volumes annually.

2. Describe how this experience will enhance current clinical practice at applicant's institution.

Proposed Budget

(If additional room is needed, please attached responses to the application)

Please submit a proposed budget for the proposal. Funding may be used towards travel and accommodation. Funding may not be used for salary support or to pay the sponsoring institution.

Letter of Support/Sponsor Information

A Letter of support from the Applicant's Division Chief or Department Head with specific reference to need for clinical knowledge/exposure/training in particular field of pediatric solid organ transplantation will need to be submitted. This letter should include the following:

- Sponsor's name and current position
- Sponsor's institution
- A description of the clinical training program and resources available (eg. Rounds, clinical conferences, procedural exposure, interdisciplinary team, etc.)
- Brief summary of Sponsor's knowledge of/relationship with the Applicant and willingness to accept for clinical training/exposure as outlined in the proposal.
- The Applicant and Sponsor must verify the Applicant's working knowledge of the primary language at the Sponsor centre to ensure a beneficial learning experience for the Applicant without a significant language barrier.
- Address whether he/she is an IPTA member and, if not, willingness to join.

The Letter of Support can be attached to the application or can be submitted to IPTA directly using the information found in the "Submission of Application" section below.

Submission of Application

Please submit the completed application to IPTA either by:

1. Mail:

The completed application can be mailed to the address listed below

IPTA
ATTN: Theresa Field, Director of Operations
Suite C
15000 Commerce Parkway
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054
USA

2. Fax:

The completed application can be faxed to IPTA in attention to Theresa Field, IPTA Director of Operations. Please fax to 856-439-0525.

3. E-mail:

The letter can be e-mailed directly to Theresa Field, IPTA Director of Operations, at tfield@ahint.com.