Fellowships Call 2017

IBSA Foundation for scientific research funds each year 5 young talented researchers, selected through impartial evaluation processes, to promote and to allow them to do great science, with 12-month fellowships of CHF 25,000.00 in the following five research fields:

- 1 fellowship in dermatology area
- 1 fellowship in endocrinology area
- 1 fellowship in fertility – infertility area
- 1 fellowship in orthopedic – rheumatology area
- 1 fellowship in pain medicine

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant may be of any Nationality, under 35 at the deadline for the submission of proposals and in possession of a degree in medicine, biology, pharmacy, biotechnology, bioengineer, open to PhDs, post docs, residents. For the entire duration of the grant, applicants must operate in the Hosting Institution, i.e. a research organization (such as universities, hospitals or other research centers), 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.

Applicants should include in the proposal 3 separate files:

1. Short Curriculum vitae with relevant publications and contacts
2. Short description of the proposal (both basic and clinical), a clear objective, containing background and significance, specific aims, research plan, and references (4 pages max)
3. Letter of acceptance by the host institution for the 12-month duration of the fellowship

Applicants are invited to submit proposals no later than 15 January 2018 via the online applicant link in the 2017 Fellowship page in the website www.ibsafoundation.org

Evaluation criteria

All applications are examined, just received, to ensure that they are complete and eligible. Receipt of complete applications will be acknowledged via email.

The evaluation of proposals is carried out by the International scientific board of the Foundation. The IBSA Foundation Direction will make its final decision upon considering the recommendations of the international scientific board. Final award decisions are indisputable.

Applications are judged on the following criteria:

- Quality of the project to be developed in the host laboratory (novelty, feasibility, significance). Projects already financed by big funding agencies will not be included in the selection.
- CV of the candidate, and in particular research experience.
- The suitability of the host laboratory for the proposed work.
As soon as a decision is reached, normally within 2 to 3 months from deadline, applicants are informed promptly.

Award winners will be invited to attend a ceremony that will take place in the first quarter of 2018 at the Headquarters of the IBSA Foundation in Lugano (CH). Travel costs and one-night accommodation will be covered by IBSA Foundation.

**Benefits**
Fellowships must be started within 2018 year. Duration of support 12 months

**Stipend**
The stipend is a subsistence allowance and is intended to cover the cost of living in the host country. The stipend rate depends on the country being visited and might be subject to taxation. We cannot advise on respective national tax regulations and we recommend fellows to contact the relevant authorities in the host country.

*Publications related to the research awarded should acknowledge the support of IBSA Foundation for scientific research in the acknowledgement section of the manuscript.*