ISA INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF AMYLOIDOSIS

ISA 2027-2028 Amyloidosis Fellowship Program

For 2027-2028, ISA plans to award a limited number of amyloidosis fellowships, with a focus on clinical training in all types of amyloidosis. The number of fellowships will depend on funds available.

Goals

The goals of ISA's 2027-2028 fellowship program are to:

- Train physicians to diagnose and manage all types of amyloidosis, especially ATTR and AL amyloidosis
- Develop the next generation of leading clinicians in the amyloidosis field
- Provide a training experience on the conduct of rigorously designed clinical research through participation in amyloidosis-related investigations.
- Encourage collaboration among institutions to enhance to address unanswered research questions in the field.

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ISA 2027-2028 RFA instructions

The International Society of Amyloidosis is accepting applications for a competitive grant opportunity focused on supporting fellowships at large amyloidosis centers with experience diagnosing and treating high volumes of amyloidosis patients.

Potential fellows, hosting institutions and, if applicable, fellows' home institutions should jointly apply for this opportunity (see program description), negotiating the details between them. Applications should be submitted via this form.

ELIGIBILITY

General: The mentor at the host institutions should be an ISA member.

Fellowship applicant

Must hold an MD degree or equivalent. Preference will be given to those who have completed or are about to complete a relevant fellowship (cardiology, hematology, neurology, etc.). Recent fellows at the host institution will also be considered.

1. Should have some clinical experience. Preference will be given to those who have some experience with amyloidosis.
2. Must have identified a mentor or mentors at a host institution and obtained the agreement of the mentor(s) and host institution to support the fellow via education, training and collaboration.
3. Must articulate how the skills and knowledge he or she will obtain at the hosting institution will support their home program upon return.
4. Be willing to complete ISA surveys (including program evaluation) six months after the start of their fellowships and at completion of the fellowship.
5. Be willing to participate in a peer mentoring program involving periodic virtual meetings with other fellows and take part in other ISA educational efforts as a member of the Committee.

Hosting Institution

1. Must be an Amyloid Center of Excellence and be able to demonstrate in the application how it considers itself as such by reporting on:
    - The existence and availability specialists (e.g. at a minimum cardiologist, hematologists) with expertise in diagnosing and treating amyloidosis.
    - Expertise in at least two additional disciplines from the following list is desirable: neurology, pathology, nephrology, radiology, and organ transplantation.
    - Their volume of amyloidosis patients such that a fellow would see a mix of types of amyloidosis and at least 15 patients with amyloidosis per week (new and follow-up on an outpatient basis)
2. Should have a track record of educating fellows, ideally amyloidosis fellows
3. Will collaborate with the home institution to develop a detailed plan for the fellowship, including a training plan, an educational curriculum (including local, regional, and national conferences), logistics and financial arrangements. This plan should support the fellow's acquisition of skills that can be leveraged at the home institution upon the fellow's return
4. Must provide at least two mentors (a primary and a secondary; both should be ISA members) who can meet with fellow at least twice per month
5. Should assure that the fellow time spent in the clinical setting that is supported through grant funds should not be billed as patient care.
6. Depending on the arrangement with any home institution, the host institution should have the ability and structure necessary to receive grant funds and apply them to the fellowship program.

BUDGET FOR INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS

The fellowship grant will be an award of up to US $125,000 (the amount should take into account cost of living and salaries in host institution's region) including maximum allowable institutional overhead of 8%. The budget may include one year of salary support for the grantee, any malpractice insurance needed, benefits such as health insurance, malpractice insurance, visa status adjustment expenses and an allowance for round trip travel from the fellow's home location to the host institution (subject to ISA's travel policy). Please note that with overhead and the expenses listed above, fellow salaries are likely to be considerably less than the amount of the total award.

If funded, the fellow will receive a complimentary ISA membership for one year.

REVIEW CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Upon receipt of each application, ISA staff will conduct a preliminary review to ensure the application is complete and the applicants are eligible for the grant. If there are questions regarding eligibility of applicants, ISA's Fellowship Committee may be consulted.

After the submission deadline, ISA staff will distribute all eligible applications to ISA Fellowship Committee members for review and evaluation. Evaluation will be based on:

1. Need of home institution/region for amyloidosis diagnostic and treatment knowledge
2. Strength of fellowship proposal and mentorship and training plan. Ideally this plan will align with ISA's fellowship curriculum template and provide details on which track will be followed and how each component in the track will be addressed. These details should include the names, titles and affiliations of mentors for each component.
3. Ability of proposed fellow to put into practice advanced clinical science addressing unmet needs at their home institution
4. Interest and ability of fellow to participate in clinical research
5. Preference will be given to centers with a track record of clinical trials, research, and publications in the amyloidosis field
6. Clarity of the proposal.

If a member of the Fellowship Committee has a material conflict, they must recuse themselves from evaluating the application in question.

After evaluation is complete, the Committee Chair will present the recommendations to ISA's Board of Directors for review. The Board of Directors will make the final decision on fellowship awards. The Board of Directors' determination is final and non-reviewable unless the Board of Directors in its sole discretion elects to take other or additional action.

NOTIFICATION, CONTRACT AND PAYMENT TERMS

ISA will notify successful and unsuccessful applicants by email after the Board of Directors has completed its review and final decision.

Fellows, the primary mentor at the host institution and the grants officer or authorized signer at the institution that will receive and administer fellowship funds must sign an agreement in a form acceptable to the Society outlining expectations and payments. ISA will pay a maximum of 50% of grant funding to the institution administering the funds upon execution of the contract, with subsequent disbursements subject to delivery of reports and completion of milestones. If start date is delayed, ISA and all parties will sign a no-cost extension/addendum, in a form acceptable to ISA, with a new fellowship start and finish date. Unless ISA approves an exception in writing, fellowships must be completed by December 31, 2027.

EVALUATION AND OUTCOMES

Fellows are expected to be part of ISA educational efforts and impart their acquired knowledge and experience in diagnosing and managing amyloidosis, all of which should translate into decreased delays in diagnosis, more accurate diagnoses, and improved management of amyloidosis in their home regions or under-served areas.

At a minimum, fellows will be expected to complete short surveys about the fellowship experience and the knowledge they will take back to their home institutions. Ideally, fellows will be able to present or publish any research they've had the opportunity to be involved in, as well as participate in periodic virtual peer group meetings to discuss skills acquired, challenges and potential solutions and best practices.

Fellows are expected to serve as active members in the Education Committee and participate as much as possible in educational activities.

As mentioned above, host institutions will be expected to provide final reports on the fellowships as well as official financial expenditure reports upon fellowship completion.

PROGRAM UPDATE NOTICE

ISA Fellowship Program is subject to change at the discretion of the Society. ISA reserves the right to modify, update, or amend the program structure, requirements, and any associated policies at any time. These changes may include, but are not limited to, eligibility criteria, application processes, funding amounts, and program duration.

By participating in the fellowship, all applicants and recipients acknowledge and accept that the ISA has the sole discretion to make such changes and that they will be communicated in a timely manner. It is the responsibility of the applicants and recipients to stay informed about any updates or modifications to the program.

TIMELINE/KEY DATES

Process Step	**Date**
Request for applications issued	August 2026
Applications due	December 1, 2026
Final decision and notifications	December 20, 2026
Contracts signed	December 2026 – January 2027
First fund disbursement (max. 50%)	Upon execution
Subsequent disbursements	After approval of deliverables and milestones
Final report and financial report	Within 30 days of fellowship completion

OUTLINE FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

(All points below must be addressed; please submit documents in a single collated pdf in the order listed below, with this fillable pdf as your first page.)

Fellowship Applicant Name: _____

Fellowship start and end dates: _____

	Hosting institution	**Home institution**
Primary mentor(s)		
Primary mentor(s)		
Name of institution		

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1. Goals of program and year of study
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   - 2.2. Fellow's goals for fellowship year
   - 2.3. Fellow's Comprehensive Plan for Sharing Expertise in home region or another under-served area
3. About the hosting institution
   - 3.1. Amyloid Center of Excellence
     - 3.1.1. Multidisciplinary expertise (about the experts)
     - 3.1.2. Patient volumes
     - 3.1.3. Publications
     - 3.1.4. Clinical trials
     - 3.1.5. Other resources and facilities (e.g. databases, registries)
   - 3.2. Educational plan
     - 3.2.1. Mentorship plan
     - 3.2.2. Curriculum
     - 3.2.3. Previous fellowships at the hosting institution
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     - 3.2.5. Publication expectations
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     - 3.3.1. Language (if applicable)
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4. Budget

4.1. Breakdown of budget
4.2. Description of which organization will receive and administer funding
4.3. Statement confirming the ability of individual to sign an agreement with ISA and receive, administer and distribute fellowship funding.

5. Supporting documents
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      5.1.1. Fellow
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   5.2. Letters of support
      5.2.1. Primary Mentor (hosting institution)
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      5.2.3. Division Head or Department Chair at the hosting institution