

Prof Mahmoud Jabbarvand Behrouz
President
Iranian Society of Ophthalmology

Dear Prof Behrouz,

Re: Call for Recommendations: APAO International Fellowship Program 2022 – 2023_Deadline: 30 June 2022

Launched in 2014, the [APAO International Fellowship Program \(APAO IFP\)](#) enables selected young ophthalmologists in the Asia-Pacific region to further their education at 1 of 15 internationally renowned training centres around the world. The program offers up to 5 fellowships per year in any subspecialty areas, which will last for 3 or 12 months. The program aims to:

- Help promising young ophthalmologists from the region, especially those from developing nations, to improve their clinical skills, surgical exposure, research experience, and to broaden their perspectives of ophthalmology.
- Support the fellows to put into practice the knowledge and skills they acquired back to their native countries and participate in blindness prevention programs whenever appropriate.
- Spread education and professionalism to all parts of the world and promote international collaboration between eye care organizations.

The APAO IFP 2022 – 2023 is now open for application until 30 June 2022. APAO member societies are encouraged to submit recommendations for **up to 2** applicants who will receive priority in the internal selection process.

Applicants should fulfill **ALL** the following criteria:

1. From an [APAO member nation](#);
2. Have completed basic residency training in ophthalmology; advantages will be given to those having completed a subspecialty training program;
3. Published at least 1 original scientific article in an indexed peer-reviewed journal;
4. Fulfill the special requirements of respective [APAO International Training Centres](#);
5. Should be younger than age 40.

Preference will be given to applicants who have already secured a fellowship position at APAO International Training Centre.

Fellows who are successfully placed in an APAO training centre will be provided with up to US\$1,000 for airfare and a monthly allowance of US\$200 during the period of training.

Recommended applications can be made electronically by sending the completed Application Form (as attached), their CV, certificate(s), testimonial(s)/reference letter(s) and a published article to the APAO Central Secretariat at ifp@apaophth.org. Alternatively, the society can encourage their recommended applicants to submit applications online at <http://fellowship.apaophth.org/> and then provide the Central Secretariat with the basic information of the nominees.

Please note that the closing date for nomination is **30 June 2022**.

The nomination of a fellow for the IFP is an investment in the future of ophthalmology in our region and we look forward to working with you to forge a bright future for ophthalmology!

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Helen LIANG at ifp@apaophth.org. Thank you!

Best Regards,
Helen LIANG
Executive Officer