

ISHA - The Hip Preservation Society Regional Travel Bursary Grants 2025

The purpose of the “ISHA - The Hip Preservation Society Regional Travel Bursary Grant” is to provide financial support, along with access to regional experts, to provide an opportunity for trainees who have an interest in hip preservation surgery to develop further skills and knowledge with an expert within their region.

The Travel Bursary is coordinated by the ISHA Fellowship Committee and the ISHA Office, in discussion with the ISHA Regional Committee Leads. It will provide funding support for travel and accommodation to enable the Trainee to spend 7 – 10 days with a leading hip preservation surgeon in their region.

For 2025, Travel Bursaries are available in the following regions:

- LATAM region (Central America, South America)
- MEAFT region (Middle East, Africa and Turkey)
- Asia Pacific region

At the chosen regional surgical centre, the Trainee will have the opportunity to observe and to be closely involved (as an assistant) in arthroscopic surgery performed by a leading ISHA approved surgeon, to discuss surgical procedures and all aspects of patient management, and to share research experience.

The list of allocated consultant surgeons will be compiled by ISHA in cooperation with industry partners. Allocated consultant surgeons have to be members of ISHA with knowledge and experience in hip preservation surgery and teaching at the required level. The list of consultant surgeons is approved by the ISHA Board and the ISHA Fellowship Committee.

Application requirements

The applicant should have at least six months of hip preservation surgery experience, be able to speak the language in the location being visited (as well as able to write in English for the purposes of the post-travel report), have completed an orthopaedic surgery residency and have a specific interest in developing a practice focusing on hip preservation surgery.

Applicants are required to submit:

- full professional curriculum vitae
- a covering letter
- a letter of recommendation – from a senior colleague or a current ISHA Member
- a 200-word essay explaining how they will use the knowledge and skills gained from the fellowship, academic, clinical and teaching goals on return to their practice
- applicants have to be able to afford 7 – 10 days away from their practice
- to be eligible applicants have to be an **ISHA** member or friend in good standing; in addition, as an indication of good will, successful applicants must be willing to maintain their ISHA membership or friend of ISHA affiliation for a minimum of 3 years following their travel grant

All applications must be submitted by Thursday 1st May 2025. Please email completed applications and supporting materials to: member@ishasoc.org.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed and graded, and the successful Trainee will be selected by the ISHA Fellowship Committee in conjunction with the relevant Regional Committees in May/June 2025 for the travel to be completed before the end of December 2025.

CONCEPT

The Travel Bursary will support the Trainee to spend 7 – 10 days in their respective home country or region. This time spent will consist of practical training with an expert consultant who should be a good standing ISHA member. The Trainee will be introduced to basic, intermediate and advanced techniques of hip preservation, depending on the starting level defined in a virtual interview between the recipient and the surgeon “mentor”. During this time, if circumstances will allow, the Trainee should be exposed to a cadaver workshop as well.

Awardees must:

- document their travels, and write a report of the experience for publication in the ISHA Newsletter

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