

ISCaM Funding – General Guidelines

Each year, the International Society of Cancer Metabolism (ISCaM) awards a limited number of fellowships to support the mobility of junior members. These must be:

- a) Either students (grad/undergrad) or early-career researchers with max. 3 years of postdoctoral experience. However, duly justified career breaks such as compulsory national service and parental leave may be considered.
- b) Current members of the Society.

Applications from senior scientists and/or from scientists working for commercial companies will not be considered. Funding may not be used to complement, or as an extension to, another fellowship or scholarship. Applicants should state whether applications have been submitted to other funding bodies for the same project and whether any other fellowships have been received towards the same visit.

Winners will receive a cash bursary that is expected to cover subsistence and travel costs. No direct research expenses nor bench fees are allowed. Medical and travel insurance are not provided by ISCaM. Recipients of Fellowships are urged to ensure that they are fully covered by the necessary insurances.

ISCaM is a non-governmental organization and its Fellowships are not automatically endowed with any tax privileges. It is the responsibility of the recipient to pay any taxes levied by a national authority.

Applicants whose ISCaM membership is pending can apply. First-generation academics, minorities and under-represented demographics are welcome and will be taken into special considerations. Submission of a final travel report is necessary to enable the cash transfer.

ISCaM Exchange Fellowships Guidelines

These Fellowships are for short-term visits (not longer than two or, in exceptional cases, three months), for the purpose of scientific collaboration, advanced training or employing techniques not available at the usual place of work. Priority will be given to PhD students traveling to a foreign country.

1. Exchange Fellowships are not awarded for attendance at courses, symposia, meetings or congresses.
2. Exchange Fellowships are intended to cover subsistence and travel costs for the Fellow only; expenses incurred by dependents are not provided. Max allowance amounts to €1000. The proposed visit should not overlap with the period from 22nd December until 3rd January.
3. Applications are open year-round. The Grants Evaluation Committee will consider applications received within March 31st and October 31st, each year. Two rounds of funding will be awarded each year, pending budget approval by the Board of Directors.

4. The candidate, the head of the home laboratory and the head of the host laboratory must all be ISCaM members, with paid active fees, by the time of award.
5. Only one application can be considered from any given home lab in a 1-year period.
6. Only one application per host lab will be funded within a 6-month period.
7. Candidates already in place in the host lab will not be eligible.
8. The application process is handled via the online application system at www.iscam.net.
9. Completed online applications written in English will be submitted to the Chairperson of the ISCaM Grants Evaluation Committee and will include the following information:
 - a. An outline of the **research proposal**, sufficiently detailed, no more than 1000-word long set out under the following headings (to be uploaded in pdf format):
 - i. project background
 - ii. nature of the work and outline of the experiments proposed;
 - iii. why it is necessary to travel to a laboratory in another country to perform the work;
 - iv. why the particular laboratory has been selected, including a list of relevant publications (up to five) from the host laboratory;
 - b. A **short curriculum vitae**, preferably in NIH Biosketch form (2-page max, to be uploaded in pdf format).
 - c. The **host acceptance form** from the appointed head of the host laboratory in which the applicant will be working, confirming that the applicant will be accepted to work at the institute, that its facilities will be made available to him/her to pursue the research proposed (to be uploaded in pdf format).
 - d. A **referee's letter of support**. A letter of support is required from an experienced scientist who knows the applicant and is familiar with his/her work (typically, the head of the home laboratory). This letter should be written on headed paper of the referee's laboratory (to be uploaded in pdf format).
 - e. A **motivation letter**. The applicant is invited to discuss:
 - her/his career path
 - her/his desire to pursue a career in STEM and cancer metabolism
 - reasons why mobility would advance her/his project and be beneficial for her/his career
10. Winners will be notified by email. Within three months of completion of the Fellowship, Fellows **must** send electronically to the Chairperson of the ISCaM Grants Evaluation Committee a short report detailing the work done while in receipt of the Fellowship. The ISCaM Fellowship should be acknowledged in any work published relating to the project funded.
11. Fellowships are neither renewable nor extendable. Exceptions can be granted for demonstrable medical reasons by the ISCaM Grants Evaluation Committee.

ISCaM Travel Scholarship Guidelines

These Scholarships are intended to support the attendance to the ISCaM Annual Meeting. Priority will be given to underrepresented demographics and talented trainees traveling overseas or from low-income countries.

1. Travel Scholarships are intended to cover travel costs for the Fellow only. Allowance is decided by the Local Organizing Committee, pending budget approval by the ISCaM Board of Directors. The proposed travel should allow the attendance to the entire program of the Meeting. Extensions of the stay are not covered.
2. Applications open when Meeting registrations also open. Payment of Meeting fees is not required for the application. Winners must complete registration and payment to receive the funding.
3. The candidate must be ISCaM member, with paid active fees, by the time of award.
4. The applicant must submit one Abstract of her/his research, which will be evaluated for oral and poster presentation at the Annual Meeting. Multiple abstracts are not allowed.
5. Candidates living or working in the host country are not eligible.
6. The application process is handled online. Instructions are provided in the Meeting website (not at www.iscam.net).
7. Completed online applications written in English will be submitted to the Deputy of the Local Organizing Committee and will include the following information:
 - a. An **abstract** describing the work of the applicant, in sufficient detail, set out under the following headings (max 250 words):
 - i. Project background;
 - ii. Study design and methods;
 - iii. Main results;
 - iv. Conclusions;
 - b. A **short curriculum vitae** with a list of publications.
 - c. A **letter of support**, from an experienced scientist who knows the applicant and is familiar with his/her work (typically, the head of the home laboratory). This letter should be written on headed paper of the referee's laboratory and attest the experience level of the applicant. For postdocs, the referee must confirm the candidate received her/his PhD degree less than 3 years before.
8. Winners will be notified by email and must accept the award by replying within 2 weeks. Winners must also demonstrate their registration to the ISCaM Annual Meeting. Winners will be asked to send a completed Payment Form (.pdf) directly to the ISCaM Treasurer, at the address indicated.
9. Scholars will be highlighted in the ISCaM newsletter and shall consent to the sharing of basic information (name, home institute, title of their research, headshot). Scholars are invited to publicize the award on social media, acknowledging ISCaM social media handles.

10. Within three months from the end of the ISCaM Annual Meeting, the Scholar **must** send electronically to the Head of the Local Organizing Committee a short report summarizing the studies presented during each of the Meeting sessions and highlighting the most innovative research presented.