IASLC Fellowship and Young Investigator Awards

Mission and Purpose

The purpose of the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) includes promotion of the study of the etiology, epidemiology, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and all aspects of lung cancer and thoracic malignancies. The IASLC Foundation provides Fellowship and Young Investigator Awards to support this mission. Applications must be within the scope of these priorities to be considered.

IASLC Foundation Awards

General Information

Funding for IASLC Foundation Fellowship and Young Investigator Awards provides for the training of fellows and young investigators who wish to pursue a career in lung cancer diagnosis, treatment, or laboratory research as well as other aspects of the study of lung tumors.

IASLC Foundation Fellowship and Young Investigator Awards are granted for 1 year with a stipend grant of $50,000. Questions regarding the submission process should be emailed to IASLC Education Department at pia.hirsch@iaslc.org.

Eligibility Criteria

A. Fellowship Awards

1. Fellowship support should be requested by a Principal Investigator who applies on behalf of a designated candidate.

2. The Principal Investigator must be a member of the IASLC.

3. A Principal Investigator can apply for only one candidate.

4. The work proposed by the fellow must be conducted at the Principal Investigator’s institution.

5. Funding for Fellowships will be given at the post-doctoral level. The first year of the award the candidate must be a MD or DO in fellowship training or its equivalent.
   A. PhD in postdoctoral training < 3 years.
B. Young Investigator Awards

1. The applicant (MD, DO, or PhD) must be within 3 years of initial faculty appointment at the time of application and within 3 years of completion of fellowship/post-doctoral training.
2. The applicant must be a member of the IASLC.
Statement of Policies

A. Eligibility

Proposals must fall within the scope of IASLC Foundation’s funding priorities in order to be considered. Grants are evaluated by an independent scientific review panel according to a peer-review process that has been reviewed and approved by the National Institutes of Health (USA). Funds will generally be granted to non-profit institutions or organizations.

B. Review Process

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Grant applications must be submitted on or prior to the January 8, 2018 deadline.

C. Post-Award Requirements

IASLC Foundation has pledged to sponsors regular reports on how their funds are being used. The goodwill of these donors generates the continued revenue needed to support future IASLC Foundation awards. Therefore, the following requirements must be adhered to by all recipients:

1. Reports

Authorization of the fourth quarterly payment of an IASLC Foundation Fellowship/Young Investigator Award is contingent upon submission by the grant recipient of a progress report, which will then be reviewed by the IASLC (see page 3, section C).

2. Publications

The awarded IASLC Foundation Fellowship/Young Investigator Award shall be publicized by the recipient’s institution either in its own publication (e.g., student newspaper, alumni newsletter, institutional magazine, etc.) or in a local newspaper, with attribution to the organization. Copies of these news articles must be received by IASLC Foundation before the fourth quarterly payment of a grant can be authorized.
3. Miscellaneous Information

Submission of a grant proposal authorizes IASLC Foundation to use the applicant’s name in soliciting contributions to fund its lung cancer research and educational programs.

Submission of a proposal also authorizes IASLC Foundation to hyperlink from ialsc.org to the applicant institution’s website, if it has one, and in turn the applicant’s institution agrees to provide hyperlink to IASLC.org.

Submission Guidelines

General Guidelines

1. Please use the pages that are attached.
2. Font size is 12; proposals typed in a smaller font size will not be considered.
3. Page margins cannot be changed; top and bottom margins must be 0.6’ and left and right margins must be 0.8’.
4. Text should be single-spaced.
5. Pages should be numbered.
6. The name of the Principal Investigator or Young Investigator should appear at the upper right corner of each page.
7. The document must be submitted as a Word file.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT.

Page 1 Cover page

Page 2 Layman’s Summary (½ page)

Please include a one-half page summary in layman’s language. This will help the IASLC Board of Directors evaluate the recommendations of the scientific review panel.

Page 3 Scientific Summary (½ page)

Page 4 Statement of Significance (¼ page)

A statement of the significance of your proposed research project with respect to the control of lung cancer.

Page 5 IASLC applicant (¼ page)

A description of the training and the expected educational benefit to be provided by the IASLC project.
The following questions must be answered:
Do you plan to pursue a career in lung cancer prevention and control or translational research or education?
How will this IASLC award prepare you for such a career?

Page 6 Specific Aims (½ page)

Statement of the goals, objectives, and relevance to IASLC’s funding priorities. Only proposals directly related to IASLC’s priority of funding research and educational programs in lung cancer prevention and control will be considered.

Page 7 Background (1 page)

A statement of the problem (or need) that will be addressed by the proposed Fellowship.

Page 8A-C Methods (3 pages)

A statement of the methods to be used in achieving these goals and objectives. Tables, figures, or graphs must be included in the 3-page limit. No appendix or attachment will be allowed.

Page 9A-B References (2 pages)

Page 10 Timetable (½ page)

A timetable for implementing the proposal. Reviewers will weigh heavily the feasibility of carrying out the project in the projected time span.

Page 10A: If you are applying for a prevention fellowship please provide your course work (1 page) (see page 3 Section III).

Page 11 Evaluation (½ page)

A statement of the criteria by which the success of the program will be measured. For example: you should address what specific educational goals will be achieved, describe the resulting research manuscripts, and summarize whether the IASLC award was successfully completed.

Page 12A-C Biographical Information – Young Investigator Candidate or PI for Fellow Candidate (3 pages)

Please give the following information
- Name, title, date and place of birth
- Education (baccalaureate through postdoctoral training)
- Experience
- Honors
- Major research interests and role in proposed project (PI only)
- Bibliography (maximum of 2 pages, preferably related to proposed research)

Page 13A-C. Biographical Information- Fellow Candidate (3 pages)
Please give the following information about the Fellow Candidate

- Name, title, date and place of birth
- Education (baccalaureate through postdoctoral training)
- Experience
- Honors
- Bibliography

Page 14 Current research support of Young Investigator candidate (Fellow candidates must supply Principal Investigator’s research support and their own support, if applicable) (1 page)

You must list amount, source of funds, title of research, period of time covered, specific aims and role for all related projects and pending applications for this project. In addition, you must state any areas of overlap with pending applications.

Page 15 Certification

Certification for protection of human subjects and for care and treatment of laboratory animals should be obtained for all applicable projects, in accordance with NIH and/or the appropriate local guidelines. Copies of relevant documentation should accompany proposal.

Page 16+ Letters of Support

Three letters of support are required.
One letter must be from the Principal Investigator (for Fellowship Awards)
The Principal Investigator must address the following:
- Level of commitment to the fellow and the project
- Ensure adequate institutional resources

Grant Checklist

Do not submit. For Applicant use only.
Please complete prior to sending grant to ensure all sections are complete.

Grant Review Criteria

1. Grants will be initially reviewed by the Committee Chair for completeness. Incomplete submissions or grants submitted after the deadline will be returned to the Principal Investigator in 48 hours.

2. Each member of the Scientific Review Committee will rigorously review the applications. Applications will be scored on four criteria:

   A. Potential of the candidate:
   Is the candidate committed to a career in lung cancer research?
   Does the candidate have basic training related to the project proposed? Published/submitted papers or abstracts
   Current or pending grant submissions
Strong letters of supports

B. **Scientific merit of the project:**
Is the proposal original?
Is the proposal clear and concise? Are the specific aims reasonable?
Is the methodology reasonable to accomplish the objectives? Can the project be completed in the 2-year time frame?

C. **Significance of the project:**
Is the project within the IASLC’s scope?
What will this information contribute to knowledge in this field?
Do these results significantly improve the application of knowledge of lung cancer? Will these data stimulate further scientific research into lung cancer?

D. **Strength of the Principal Investigator/Institutional support (for Fellowship grants):** Is the Principal Investigator dedicated to assisting in the execution and completion of the project?
Is the Principal Investigator of good standing in the field of lung cancer research?
Does the Principal Investigator have sufficient grant support for the fellow to complete the project if required?
Does the institution have the necessary resources to support the project?

**Scores will range from 1 to 5.**
1. Outstanding
2. Excellent
3. Good
4. Poor
5. Unacceptable

Total scores will then be tabulated, averaged, and the candidate ranked. The committee will meet by conference call to select the awardees. Progress reports from Year 1 will be reviewed by the Committee Chair.