



ISH 2024 COLLABORATION EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Aim. To provide funding to Early- and Mid-Career Researchers (EMCRs) to support career development by facilitating the development of collaborative relationships and/or activities initiated at ISH scientific meetings.

Overview. ISH meetings provide a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and initiating potential collaborative projects. However, EMCRs can find it challenging to continue these activities after the meeting due to a lack of resources. This scholarship provides targeted funding to support collaboration activities between EMCRs and more senior research leaders following attendance at ISH scientific meetings. The scholarships will be awarded to EMCRs who attend the ISH scientific meeting via a competitive application process.

Eligible activities. The scholarship is intended to enable collaborative activities such as:

- Travel and accommodation to visit a new collaborator.
- Data access fees or data analysis support.
- Publication and dissemination of research articles.
- Organisation and delivery of workshops or symposiums.

Key dates

2nd September 2024	Collaboration Exchange Scholarship Launched.
15th November 2024	Applications close
20th December 2024	Applicants notified of outcomes
30th May 2025	Final date for successful applicants to provide detailed itinerary of activities with endorsement from host organisation.
15th December 2025	Final date for successful applicants to have completed collaboration exchange visit.
27th March 2026	Report of activities submitted to ISH.

Expected outcomes. The scholarship is intended to facilitate collaborative activities that will:

- **Increase visibility** of ISH EMCRs through invited talks and conference presentations.
- **Capacity building.** Develop independent collaborative networks, learn new methods or techniques.
- **Knowledge exchange.** Share learnings through knowledge dissemination with host organisation and local organisations/researchers for broader impact.
- **Joint research outputs.** conference abstracts, manuscripts, reports.
- **Support ongoing collaborative opportunities.** Including identifying opportunities for funding applications, providing pilot data to support progressing larger programs.

Eligibility criteria.

Applicants must be ISH members that attended the ISH 2024 meeting and meet one of the following criteria:

- Research active with at least one publication who do not have a PhD are eligible to apply.
- PhD students that have completed more than 12 months of their candidature are also eligible to apply.
- EMCRs within 10 years post-PhD completion, relative to opportunity (please see guidance to complete this section below), and not leading an independent research team.

Similar to ISH award criteria, ISH committee members are eligible to apply for the Collaboration Exchange Scholarship, but Chairs of ISH committees are not eligible.

Relative to opportunity considers the fact that researchers have different opportunities and circumstances that can affect their productivity and research output. For example, a researcher might have had a career disruption due to health issues, family responsibilities, or other personal reasons. Or, they might be early in their career, or working part-time. Applicants are encouraged to summarise any circumstances that may have impacted their research output for consideration by reviewers.

Host eligibility criteria

- Be a research team leader, post-PhD completion.
- attended the ISH 2024 meeting.
- be a member of ISH.

Budget. A maximum of \$5,000 USD is available per scholarship to support EMCRs to undertake collaborative activities. The amount awarded will depend on the scope of activities proposed by the applicant. Applicants must include budget details and timelines for the proposed activities. Funding will be provided directly to successful applicants after a detailed itinerary of activities has been provided (see Key Dates). Recipients will be required to provide receipts/invoices of expenditure as part of the completion report. Eligible expenses include:

- Travel and accommodation to visit a new collaborator.
- Data access fees or data analysis support.
- Publication and dissemination of research articles.
- Organisation and delivery of workshops or symposiums.

Ineligible expenses include in-direct costs from applicant or host organisations and salary for the applicant or host.

Award Conditions:

Grant recipients must provide a summary report 12 weeks after the collaborative activities, including pictures for dissemination via ISH communication channels and an article for Hypertension News. The final report will be required to include receipts/invoices for expenses.

The host is strongly encouraged to co-author or sign the final report as a true record of the collaborative activities undertaken.

Application documents. Please submit your completed application form to secretariat@ish-world.com, along the supporting documents, by **15th November 2024**. Late or incomplete applications will not be assessed. Required documentation for applicants:

1. Completed ISH Collaboration Scholarship application form.
2. A 2-page CV from the applicant.
3. Letter of eligibility from applicant's institution confirming their eligibility according to the template provided.
4. Evidence of attendance and/or presentation at ISH 2024.

Assessment of applications. A committee will review application with members from ISH committee members of the Women in Hypertension Committee, New Investigator Committee, Mentoring and Training Committee and Council. Assessment of quality of the application and applicant will be based on the application form that describes proposed activities and 2-page CV. The remaining documents will be used to determine eligibility (letter from applicant's institution and evidence of attendance at ISH 2024). Applicants are encouraged to demonstrate value for money from the scholarship. For example, by undertaking collaborative activities with those in nearby countries or by leveraging funds available from their institution or host. Applications from ISH members from LMICs are strongly encouraged.