

APSID-sponsored Fellowship for junior members

Aims of the Fellowship:

- Identify gaps in clinical service, diagnostic/therapeutic procedures or lab techniques in primary immunodeficiency at the home institution (can be clinical or laboratory)
- Identify an APSID Center of Excellence that provides this service routinely
- Targeted learning at the host center to transfer the expertise to the home institution

APSID Centers of Excellence (CoE):

1. [Joint BCH-HKU CoE:](#)
 - Department of Immunology, National Center for Children's Health, Beijing Children's Hospital, Capital Medical University, Beijing, China
 - **Mentor: Prof. Huawei Mao (maohwei@qq.com)**
 - Paediatric Immunology, Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China
 - **Mentor: Dr. Jaime S Rosa Duque (jsrduque@hku.hk)**
 - **Mentor: Prof. Yu Lung Lau (lauylung@hku.hk)**
2. [Pediatric Allergy Immunology Unit, Department of Paediatrics, Advanced Pediatrics Centre, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research](#), Chandigarh, India
 - (Applicants to this COE are subject to approval by the Deanery of the institute. For Indian candidates, applications from only government hospitals / colleges / institutes / universities are generally approved)
 - **Mentor: Dr. Anju Gupta (anjupgi@gmail.com)**
 - **Mentor: Dr. Amit Rawat (dr.amit.rawat@gmail.com)**
3. [Department of Paediatrics, Graduate School of Biomedical & Healthy Sciences, Hiroshima University](#), Hiroshima University
 - **Mentor: Prof. Satoshi OKADA (sokada@hiroshima-u.ac.jp)**
 - **Mentor: Prof Takaki ASANO (tasano02@hiroshima-u.ac.jp)**

*3 fellows selected (1 for each COE).

Eligibility:

1. Maximum age of candidates 40 years of age. Applicants born before 1st January 1987 will not be considered under this fellowship.
2. Active APSID members.
3. Travel visa can be approved, depending on approved budget.
4. APSID faculty is present at the host center to supervise the junior members.
5. Conditions of host institution fulfilled – eg health, travel and ethical requirements
6. **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**chievable, **R**ealistic and **T**ime-bound objectives, with plan and schedule for the Fellowship, set before beginning the Fellowship
7. *This should be drafted by the candidate, and then discussed with the host institution supervising faculty before being sent to the EB for approval*

Deliverables

8. Commitment to setting up required clinical, therapeutic or diagnostic service at the home institution thereafter, for 1 year
This should be written up at the end of the Fellowship, signed off by the host institution supervising faculty and the candidate's head of clinical department, followed by sending to the APSID Executive Board for review
9. Presentation of experience and learning points at an upcoming APSID conference

Proposed format	3 months (short)	6-12 months (long)
Example objective	Laboratory attachment to learn flow cytometry and molecular diagnostic techniques	Research-based attachment to learn how to, and set up APSID registry
	Clinical attachment to learn how to set up newborn screening programme for PID	Clinical attachment to learn clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques for PID
Example schedule	• Attend flow cytometry and molecular diagnostic courses conducted by host university	• Learn how to set up a registry from host institution • Set up APSID registry with the support of APSID EB members / support staff at HKU

	Daily attachment to immunology diagnostic lab	Make video tutorial for APSID clinicians on how to input and access data into registry
	- Attachment to clinical immunology department, following inpatient rounds and clinics - Attendance at clinical genetics clinics in same host institution - Learning directly relevant laboratory techniques - Attachment to clinical immunology department, following inpatient rounds and clinics	- Attendance at clinical genetics clinics in same host institution - Daily attachment to immunology diagnostic lab
Total cost (taking accommodation to be USD 750/month, airfare to be USD 1000, and miscellaneous as USD 1000)	3 months: \$4250	6 months: \$6500 12 months: \$11 000

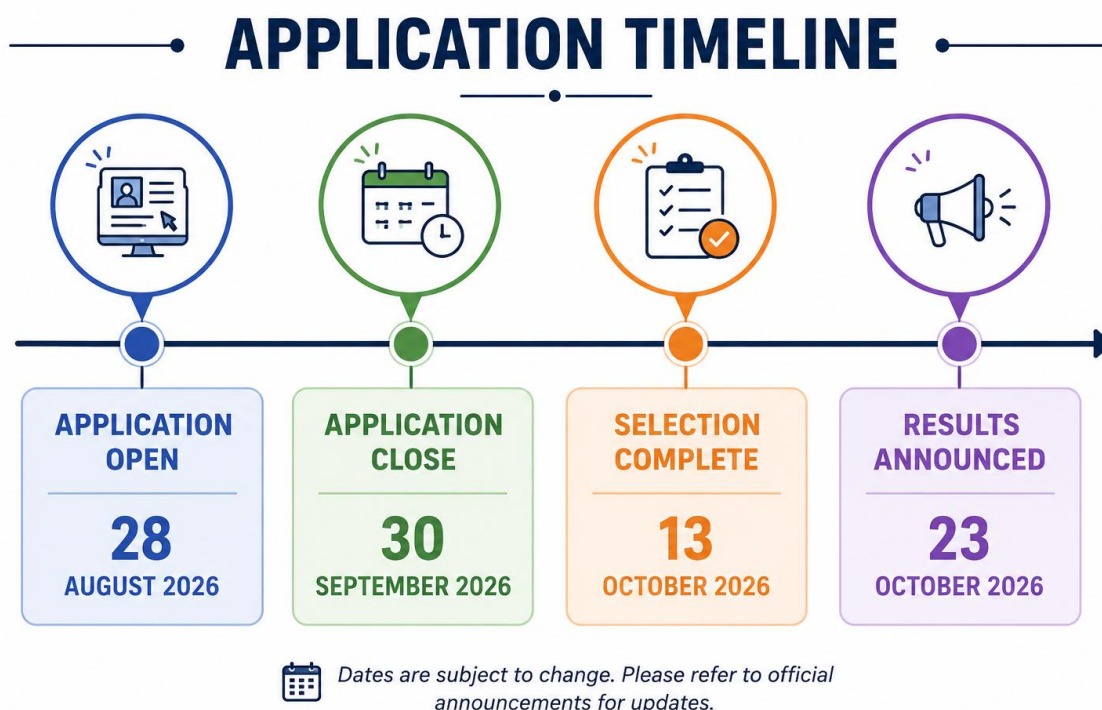
Funding will include:

- Airfare: Maximum of USD 1150 for regional (within Asia); and maximum of USD 2400 for international
- Accommodation: USD 500-1000 (location dependent)
- Miscellaneous expenditures eg local ground transportation, visa applications, attending conferences: USD 1000

Applications requirements:

1. Completed Application form
2. Latest CV
3. Proof of APSID membership
4. Proposed fellowship objectives and plan, signed by the home institution supervisor.
5. Letter of support from the department head of the home institution.
6. Acceptance letter from the host CoE supervisor, confirming the proposed schedule and supervision.

Applications for the 2026 Fellowship must be submitted by 30 September 2026. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.



Selection committee:

1. Prof Hirokazu Kanegane
2. Dr Narissara Suratannon
3. Dr Zarina Thasneem Zainudeen

Other EB members will be informed by email before result announcement.