

APSID-Sponsored Fellowship for Junior Members (2025)

Aims of the Fellowship:

This fellowship is intended to support junior members to:

- Identify gaps in clinical service, diagnostic/therapeutic procedures, or laboratory techniques in primary immunodeficiency at their home institution (can be clinical or laboratory-focused).
 - Identify an APSID Center of Excellence (CoE) that routinely provides this service.
 - Undertake targeted learning at the host center to transfer expertise back to the home institution.
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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
 - Paediatric Immunology, Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China
 2. **Pediatric Allergy Immunology Unit, Department of Paediatrics,** Advanced Pediatrics Centre, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, India
 - *Applicants to this CoE require approval by the Deanery of the institute. For Indian candidates, applications from only government hospitals, colleges, institutes, or universities are generally approved.*
 3. **Department of Paediatrics,** Graduate School of Biomedical & Health Sciences, Hiroshima University, Hiroshima, Japan
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Eligibility Criteria

1. Maximum age of candidates is 40 years as of the date of application. Applicants born before **1st January 1985** will not be considered under this fellowship.
2. Active APSID member.
3. Travel visa can be approved.
4. APSID faculty must be present at the host center to supervise the junior member.
5. Conditions of the host institution must be fulfilled (e.g. health, travel, ethical requirements).
6. Candidates must define **Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-Bound (SMART)** objectives along with a plan and schedule before beginning the Fellowship.
 - This plan must be discussed and agreed upon with the supervising faculty at the host center and approved by the APSID Executive Board.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend flow cytometry and molecular diagnostic courses conducted by host university Daily attachment to immunology diagnostic lab 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Make video tutorial for APSID clinicians on how to input and access data into registry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at clinical genetics clinics in same host institution Daily attachment to immunology diagnostic lab
Total cost (taking accommodation to be USD 750/month, and airfare to be USD 1000)	\$4250	6 months: \$6500 12 months: \$11 000

Fellowship Deliverables

1. **Commitment to setting up** the required clinical, therapeutic, or diagnostic service at the home institution after completing the fellowship.
 - A formal report must be completed at the end of the fellowship and co-signed by the host institution supervising faculty and the candidate's home institution head of department.
 - This report will then be reviewed by the APSID Executive Board.
2. **Presentation of experience and learning points** at an upcoming APSID conference.

Funding will include:

- **Airfare:** USD 1000 for regional (within Asia), USD 2000 for international
- **Accommodation:** USD 500-1000 (location dependent)
- **Miscellaneous expenditures** eg local ground transportation, visa applications, attending conferences: USD 1000

Application Process:

Interested candidates must submit:

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

Deadline:

Applications for the 2025 Fellowship must be submitted by **31st July 2025**. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

For further information or to submit your application, please contact:

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