

About the Grant

The ISDP Visiting Scholar Grant Award was instituted in 2019 and named in honor of Diana Baughman, the longtime society manager, at the time of her retirement from the ISDP manager position. This grant is intended to defray costs for trainees and practitioners in dermatology or pathology, who reside in a low or lower middle-income country (as classified by the World Bank list of economies), to acquire additional skills in dermatopathology in another country. This award is intended to not only benefit an applicant with a strong interest in dermatopathology but also have a positive impact on the field of dermatopathology in their country and create a forum for exchange of information throughout the world.

The grant will be awarded no more than annually based on the submitted budget outlining expenses, to a maximum of \$3,000.00 USD. The grant is intended to help with cost of tuition, travel, and/or housing during a visiting observership of 1 month or more.

One year of free ISDP Associate Membership including a subscription to the American Journal of Dermatopathology is included.

All arrangements and required paperwork, including visa requirements, are the responsibility of the visiting scholar and/or the institution sponsoring the scholar, not the ISDP.

Selection Criteria for 2026 Award

- Applicant must secure a position as a visiting scholar in a dermatopathology training program in a country other than their own for 1 month or longer to qualify for an ISDP Visiting Scholar Grant Award. A list of several potential Dermatopathology Programs that currently accept visiting scholars can be found on the ISDP Website, under the "Links" tab. This is not intended to be a complete or up-to-date list; applicants are not limited to these institutions.
- Applicant or Sponsor of visit must be a current ISDP member.
- Applicants must be trainees or practitioners in dermatology or pathology who reside in a low or lower middle-income country (as classified by the World Bank list of economies) with a strong interest in dermatopathology.
- Applicants who demonstrate plans to positively impact dermatopathology in their country will be given particular consideration
- Applicants are limited to one Visiting Scholar award
- Awards will be disbursed in two payments in US Dollars, via check: One-half of the approved award will be issued at the start of the observership. The balance will be paid 1-2 months after the start of the observership upon receipt and approval of an expense and progress report, which should include associated receipts for tuition, flights and housing.
- Awardees are expected to submit a final report to the Society on completion of the observership.

Application Materials

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ Budget outlining expenses to be incurred (up to \$3000.00USD)
- ☐ Applicant's biographical sketch (Curriculum vitae)
- ☐ One page letter of purpose including the goal of the visit, anticipated long term impact for their home country, and reason for selection of the host institution or program director
- ☐ Letter from sponsoring institution's Program Director indicating willingness to accept applicant for a visiting observership
- ☐ Head and shoulder photograph

Application

Applicant Demographics:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

Current Position: _____

Sponsoring Institution Accepting Applicant:

Name of Program Director: _____

Email: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State/Country _____

Telephone/Fax: _____

Applicant Signature: _____	Date: _____
Print Name: _____	

Budget Request:

Total Request*: \$
Tuition: \$
Transportation \$
Lodging: \$
Food: \$

* Receipts will be required

<p>What is the anticipated length of the observership? _____</p> <p>Are there other sources of financial support for this observership? (if so, please describe) _____</p> <p>When did you complete residency training in pathology/dermatology (mm/yyyy)? _____</p> <p>Describe your prior training and experience in dermatopathology, dermatology and/or pathology, including prior fellowships and observerships and any current involvement in dermatopathology.</p> <p>Have you received other grants/awards related to dermatopathology? (if so, describe)</p> <p>Describe the need for dermatopathology in your country.</p>
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Forward completed application and supplemental documents via email (preferred) to:

isdpplanier@gmail.com

OR Mail to:

ISDP – 2023 Visiting Scholar

PO Box 2444

Fredericksburg, Tx 78624-2444

2025 Visiting Scholar Grant Award Timeline:

Application Deadline: September 1, 2025

Awards will be announced by: October 31, 2025

Allowable training visit dates: January 1, 2026– December 31, 2026