Every year IBSA Foundation for scientific research funds talented researchers in order to promote and to allow them to do great science, with 5 fellowships of € 30,000 in the following research fields:

- dermatology
- endocrinology
- fertility/urology
- pain medicine/rheumatology/orthopaedics

and one fellowship in the area with the most applications received.
**Eligibility**

Applicants must be under 40 years old on the deadline for the submission of proposals, they can be of any nationality and must have a degree in medicine, biology, pharmacy, biotechnology or bioengineering. Open to PhDs, postdocs, and residents. For the entire duration of the grant, applicants must be active in the Host Institution, i.e. a research organization (such as universities, hospitals or other research centres), irrespective of its legal status (organized under public or private law), whose primary goal is to independently conduct non-economic biomedical research and to disseminate its results.

**Application Procedure**

Applicants are invited to submit proposals no later than December 31st, 2019 at http://ibsafoundation.poliresearch.com/

Candidates should upload the project by applying online and provide the following additional documents as separate files:
1. Curriculum Vitae
2. List of PubMed publications (max.5) of the past five years

Applications and supporting documentation are accepted only via the online application system.

**Selection Process**

Proposals are evaluated by the international scientific board of the Foundation through a peer review process. The IBSA Foundation Management will make its final decision after having considered the recommendations of the international scientific board. Award decisions are final.

Applicants are promptly informed as soon as a decision is reached, normally within two months from the deadline, and the Award is assigned only after presentation of the acceptance letter by the host institution, which should be sent to IBSA foundation within one week of the notification.

Award winners are invited to attend a private ceremony that will take place in the first quarter of 2020 usually at the IBSA Foundation Headquarters in Lugano – Switzerland.

Travel costs and one night’s accommodation will be covered by the IBSA Foundation.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Applications are evaluated on the following criteria:
- Quality of the project to be developed in the host laboratory (Feasibility - Originality - Scientific value)
- CV of the candidate with particular emphasis on research experience
- Appropriateness of the host laboratory for the proposed research

The projects of applicants, who wish to enhance their scientific profile by working at a research institute different from the laboratory of origin receive an additional 10% scoring value.

**Funding**

The budget (before taxes and duties) includes funding for salary and mobility costs, and is intended to cover the cost of living for 12 months (salary). The salary rate may be subject to taxation. We cannot advise on respective national tax regulations and we recommend fellowship winners to contact the relevant authorities. IBSA Foundation Fellowships do not cover bench fees, overheads, funds for consumables or any other financial benefits for the host supervisor/the receiving institute. Projects must to start by 2020, and you cannot move the beginning of the fellowship to the following year.

**Payment Instalments**

The grant will be paid in two instalments directly on the International Bank Account Number (IBAN) indicated by the candidate. Written confirmation of the start date by the host supervisor is mandatory.

A first instalment of 50% will be paid before the start of the project and the second instalment of 50% by the end of the year 2020.

**Acknowledgements & Responsibilities**

Publications related to the research awarded should acknowledge the support of IBSA Foundation in the acknowledgement section of the manuscript and should read: “IBSA Foundation for scientific research”. Each publication, press release or any other document or media communication citing results from the research carried out during the fellowship appointment must include an acknowledgement to IBSA Foundation and should read: “IBSA Foundation for scientific research”. Every year winners are required to reply to the general questionnaire mailed by IBSA Foundation. The reply is mandatory, as well as the prompt notification of any changes of e-mail and phone number details.