The Helmsley and IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange to foster investigative career in IBD

We are very pleased to announce that the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust and IOIBD have agreed to operate a 3-year joint program under the title: The Helmsley and IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange to foster investigative careers in IBD

Proposal Summary

- **Goal:** Support international training on inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) to promote the global development of IBD patient care and research by ensuring that gastroenterology physicians and researchers living in developing nations can access start-of-the art advanced training and mentorships in IBD care.

- **Strategy:** Develop and launch the ‘The Helmsley IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange Program’ to allow gastroenterology physicians and researcher from developing nations to spend a year with a member physician of IOIBD.

- **Outcome:** Access to advanced training with IOIBD members will allow gastroenterology physicians / researchers from developing nations to learn updated, innovative techniques in diagnosing, treating, and managing Crohn’s disease (CD), allowing them to bring these new skills back to their respective countries and the IBD patients they serve.

The joint Helmsley-IOIBD Clinical Experience Exchange Program will be operational beginning in the second half of 2023 for the total sum of 120.000 EURO per year with the first two awardees beginning their mentorship experience in 2023. We aim to select two grantees per year for the next three years with the program running in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

This travel grant would support physicians or PhD researchers who want to visit a foreign, Helmsley-supported IBD center for clinical and research experience (60/40). The expected total stay will be 1 year.

- Grant awardees are invited to attend an IOIBD Annual General Meeting maximum 3 years after their trip to report of the outcomes of their project and how this travel grant has impacted their career.

- During the project the grantee will be monitored by his /her mentor according to the principles of IDP (individual development plan) on a regular basis. An example of such a report is attached separately. [https://myidp.sciencecareers.org/?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1](https://myidp.sciencecareers.org/?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

- Reporting to the sponsoring institutes IOIBD and Helmsley will be done twice a year.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- Individuals with a MD or PhD
- From any country but preference will be given to an individual from a developing country (as defined by the United Nations)
- Proposed and sponsored by an IOIBD Member although the applicant need not be at the same institution or country as an IOIBD member
- Preference will be given to investigators within 5 years of training
- The receiving IBD center is a Helmsley supported center

**Call to action to our members:**
Please help us find eligible candidates for this fantastic opportunity!
Deadline for submission: 01 September 2022 with program starting for 2 candidates in 2023