

ICS ICRS Fellowship **(18th World Congress of ICRS to be held in 2025 in USA)**

Introduction

Indian Cartilage Society (ICS) is striving hard to train its members in various aspects of cartilage repair surgeries. One most important aspect of cartilage repair are basic sciences that involves cell biology, scaffold engineering, cartilage histopathology, cartilage radiology and cartilage rehabilitation. Any cartilage care treatment is incomplete without these basic sciences and paramedical specialities. ICS is encouraging professionals of these allied fields to become member of ICS and also take part in teaching and training opportunities.

Our Founder, *Dr Deepak Goyal* has explored his contacts worldwide to explore such global possibilities. In the process, ICS has tied up with various 'International Surgeons/ Faculties of Significant Eminence in Cartilage Repair or societies', who can teach our members about various aspects of cartilage repair. ICS executive committee is also very generous in granting funds to meet various requirements of these fellowships.

ICS leadership is also thankful to various *International Surgeons/ Faculties/ societies of Significant Eminence* who are very supportive of these fellowships. *ICRS* is one such organisation who has partnered with ICS to start a prestigious ICS-ICRS fellowship.

Name of the Fellowship

ICS-ICRS Fellowship

Dates

To match with the dates of ICRS world congress

Location

Venue wherever ICRS world congress is held

Number of Position Available

One - Fellow will be selected from the pool of ICS 2023 and ICS 2024 congress collectively.

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Objectives of Indian Cartilage Society for 'ICS - ICRS Fellowship'

1. To provide an opportunity to its members of attending internationally reputed cartilage conference and research programs, to understand the current position of cartilage science at International level.
2. To provide a platform to its members for learning the best of cartilage science from international teachers and bring the best cartilage science back to India.
3. To showcase Indian research to International community in form of paper presentation.
4. To behave as a goodwill ambassador of India and Indian Cartilage Society.
5. To increase the quality and numbers of scientific papers presented by ICS members during ICS congress by way of such competitive fellowships.
6. ICS member should create bonding between ICS and ICRS thru this fellowship and bring international institute and its faculties close to Indian Cartilage Society.

Selection Criteria

1. Candidate must be an Indian citizen residing in India.
2. Candidate must be MD/ MS/ DNB or any other equivalent qualification as per MCI guidelines with **preferably** 3 years of experience after completion of his post-graduation. Candidates with minimum 2 years of experience in Knee/ Shoulder/ Sports Medicine will be **more** preferred.
3. Applicant should be a full member of ICS before last day of the previous congress date to become eligible to apply. His application should have reached ICS office before the end of the previous year's congress.
4. There will be a competitive free paper session during ICS congress that will be meant for members exclusively. The best three papers from this session will be forwarded to ICRS fellowship committee. ICRS fellowship committee will choose one of the three shortlisted papers.
5. The last date for submission of the abstract for ICS members papers session is as per respective ICS conference deadlines.
6. ICRS fellow will be selected from the pool of ICS 2023 and ICS 2024 congress collectively.

Fellowship Inclusions and Exclusions

1. Economy class travel ticket to and from the nearest airport of the applicant's home to the nearest airport for the ICRS congress venue.
2. Local accommodation and ICRS conference registration shall be arranged by ICRS.
3. There is a possibility of being invited by ICRS President for his Presidential Dinner. The fellow must attend it and keep the decorum.
4. Food facility need to be arranged and paid by fellow himself.

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Terms and Conditions

1. The selected fellow must attend next ICS congress and present his fellowship report and paper.
2. The selected candidate should purchase the economy class ticket (not premium economy or higher class) in consultation with ICS office. The ticket purchased should be thru direct airline website and not thru the travel agents or travel agency websites. ICS shall not be responsible for flight delays, flight cancellation, missed flights etc. The flight ticket shall be reimbursed during next ICS Congress in front of the general board or during the fellowship presentation session. For European travel, the ceiling is Rs 80000/-, for Asian travel the ceiling is Rs 50000/- and for American continents the ceiling is Rs 120000/-. However, the reimbursement should be either actual or a maximum ceiling limit.
3. The selected fellow must buy the overseas travel insurance for himself of sufficient amount. ICS will not be responsible or supportive in case of any medical emergency or other emergencies.
4. Procuring a visa shall be responsibility of the fellow, himself. ICS will issue an invitation letter to support the visa application. ICS will also arrange for a fellow acceptance letter from the ICRS. In case, the fellow fails to procure the visa 30 days in advance to travel dates, a standby runner up shall be intimated to be ready.
5. Local transport, taxi fare, bus fare, ferry fare, tram fare etc shall be borne by ICS fellow himself. Food expenses shall also be borne by the fellow himself.
6. The selected fellow must furnish the written bond to the ICS executive committee that he shall return back to India immediately on completion of his fellowship.
7. This is a short-term fellowship aimed towards learning the latest in cartilage repair from international platform and to present Indian work in presence of International community. The fellow must not reach more than a day earlier from the start of the congress. Also, the fellow must start the return journey on the day or next day of completion of the ICRS world congress. The very purpose of the fellowship is learning and not recreation. Hence, fellow should not combine this fellowship with any other excursion. The selected fellow cannot combine other fellowship or personal training with this fellowship.
8. As the travel fellow is a goodwill ambassador of India and he is supposed to learn and present his work at an international institute; he should not be accompanied by his/ her spouse. This fellowship is for learning and not for travel.

Signature

Name of Selected Fellow Date

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