

## Eligibility Requirements

The eligibility requirements vary for each fellowship. Applicants who have passed the ICO Visual Science Examination; the ICO Optics, Refraction, and Instruments Examination; the ICO Clinical Ophthalmology Examination; or the Advanced ICO Examination ([icoph.org/exams](http://icoph.org/exams)) will receive special consideration. Applicants from countries with ophthalmologic societies that are Members of the ICO will receive special consideration. Women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants must:

- Be under 40 years of age at the time of applying.
- Have completed residency training before applying.
- Have successfully passed a specialist exam in ophthalmology.
- Be committed to return to their home countries after the training.
- Be reasonably fluent in the language of the country where the fellowship will take place.

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# ICO Fellowships



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## ICO Fellowships Program Overview

The International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) Fellowships Program provides opportunities for promising young ophthalmologists from low-resource countries to improve their practical skills and broaden their perspectives of ophthalmology.

Fellows are expected to bring the acquired knowledge and skills back to their home countries and take part in programs to preserve vision and prevent blindness.

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## Our Global Network

ICO Fellowships have been granted to more than 1,100 ophthalmologists from 84 low-resource countries. The ICO network of host institutions includes 127 teaching institutions in 31 countries, offering training in 25 subspecialties.

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## Fellowships Offered

### ICO Three-Month Fellowships

These fellowships provide exposure to and training in several subspecialties in ophthalmology. There are two deadlines each year to apply and approximately 60 of these fellowships are awarded annually. Below are co-sponsored three-month fellowships. Four to six of each are awarded every year.

### ICO-Children's Eye Cancer Foundation Three-Month Retinoblastoma Fellowships

### ICO-International Uveitis Study Group (IUSG) Three-Month Fellowships

### ICO-World Glaucoma Association (WGA) Three-Month Fellowships



### ICO-ECF Six-Month Eye Cancer Foundation Fellowships

This six-month training opportunity offered by the ICO and the Eye Cancer Foundation (ECF) provides insight in the diagnosis and treatment of retinoblastoma. The fellowship is hosted at teaching institutions in Mexico, China, Jordan, India, and Iran.

### ICO-Retina Research Foundation Helmerich Fellowships

This opportunity provides support for one year of ophthalmology training in any subspecialty. The fellowship honors Mr. W. H. Helmerich III and is sponsored by the Retina Research Foundation in cooperation with the ICO Foundation. Two fellowships are awarded each year.

### ICO-Fred Hollows Foundation One-Year Subspecialty Fellowships

This fellowship provides three young ophthalmologists from countries where The Fred Hollows Foundation is active with one year of subspecialty training at a designated ICO Fellowship Training Center.

### ICO-Allergan Advanced Research Fellowship

One year of research in glaucoma, neuro-ophthalmology, pediatric ophthalmology, retina, tumors, uveitis, dry eye, or cornea. The ICO-Allergan Advanced Research Fellowship is awarded to one person per year and is open to applicants from all countries.

### ICO-National Eye Institute Fellowship in Ocular Genetics

One year of training in ocular genetics which will be served at the National Eye Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, USA. The ICO-NEI Fellowship is awarded to one person per year.



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## Fellowship Host Directory

Once an applicant is deemed eligible, our online system will allow the applicant to access the Host Training Center section. Applicants should consider the subspecialty they wish to study before they submit a host request.

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## Learn More

Find the latest information about the ICO Fellowships and related deadlines by visiting [icoph.org/fellowships](http://icoph.org/fellowships) and our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page at [icoph.org/fellowship-faq](http://icoph.org/fellowship-faq)

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## Online Application

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