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The International Atherosclerosis Society is launching the Wael Al-Mahmeed & IAS Research Training Grants and Fellowships for the MENA Region. The initiative has been made possible by a generous donation from Dr. Wael Abdulrahman Al Mahmeed (Abu Dhabi, UAE).

The Wael Al-Mahmeed & IAS Research Training Grants and Fellowships for the MENA Region is a competitive research funding opportunity aimed at advancing clinical and basic research in atherosclerosis and related cardio-metabolic-cerebrovascular diseases in the MENA Region, as well as promoting partnerships among researchers from recognized MENA Universities and healthcare institutions.

**Aim of the Wael Al-Mahmeed & IAS Research Training Grants and Fellowships** program is to help young researchers to improve skills and knowledge in the field of atherosclerosis and related cardio-metabolic-cerebrovascular diseases in the MENA Region by:

- Acquiring new research techniques
- Implementing new clinical techniques
- Initiating innovative programs in atherosclerosis and related cardio-metabolic-cerebrovascular diseases
- Accepted post-doctoral training in a lipid-intense research laboratory
- Implementing ongoing research in the applicant's laboratory.

The Wael Al-Mahmeed & IAS Research Training Grants and Fellowships for the MENA Region **will award up to three \$10,000 grants for a maximum period of 6 months**. The final granted amount will be calculated pro rata, according to the length of the certified training period or the duration of the research.

#### Who can apply

- Any citizen or permanent resident of a MENA Region country.
- Applicants who have not been ordinarily residents in such a country are not eligible.
- Periods of residence dedicated to full time education will not be accepted as ordinary residence in the MENA.
- Medical graduates.
- Applicants under 40 years of age at the day of application deadline.

#### How to apply

Proposals may be submitted for specialized training (both at home and abroad) as stated in the previous categories (Aim section). The host institution records or expertise should be in line with the topic of the application (treatment, techniques, methods etc.).

**The application is to be submitted online at the link: <http://grants.athero.org/MENARegion/> by June 30, 2019.**

The following documents are required to be completed and uploaded with the application:

- An official letter of request signed by the candidate.
- The applicants' Curriculum Vitae with the following information:
  - Postgraduate career including present employment
  - Previous training
  - Research experience
  - Academic record
  - Publications in refereed journals relevant to this application: journal title, page number(s) and names of co-authors should also be stated.
- A letter to be completed by the current Head of Department or supervisor on the appropriateness of the grant request.
- A letter with the description of the proposed training or research to be prepared jointly with the proposed supervisor.
- A letter to be completed by the future supervisor on the appropriateness of the grant request.
- Two letters of support from external referees, preferably by people involved in one of the IAS member Societies.

**To apply for this grant opportunity, please complete the application at the link: <http://grants.athero.org/MENARegion/> by June 30, 2019.**

**Please allow 2/3 months for the review process of the applications and the selection of the winners.**

**For further information: [info@athero.org](mailto:info@athero.org)**