



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR ARTIFICIAL ORGANS
TO ENCOURAGE KNOWLEDGE, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION REGARDING ARTIFICIAL ORGANS

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR ARTIFICIAL ORGANS TRANSCONTINENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

To promote the advancement in the field of Artificial Organs, and particularly the intercontinental cooperation amongst research groups, the International Federation for Artificial Organs offers a stipend to a young researcher who wants to pursue an excellent research project in a joint cooperation between two institutions of different continents. The project shall advance knowledge and promote the field of Artificial Organs.

1. Who can apply

- The scholarship is awarded to any young investigator (younger than 35 as of July 31st 2025), who wants to perform research in a group located in a different continent. Researchers who have been previously awarded with this scholarship cannot apply for a second time.
- The applicant must be a member/young member of one of the three societies (ESAO, JSAO, ASAIO) at the moment of the submission.
- The responsible person at the host institution should be preferably a member of one of the three societies (ESAO, JSAO, ASAIO) at the moment of the submission (not mandatory condition).

2. Amount of the scholarship

The scholarship is **US \$5000**, half provided after the announcement of the winner, and the other half provided at the end of the visit upon completion of all documents (see point 4). The scholarship will be used by the researcher to spend at least 6 weeks at an institution located in a different continent than his/her home institution. This period abroad shall be performed until July 31st 2026 at the latest.

3. What documents to submit for the applications:

- A description of the project to be performed (background, aim, work plan), starting and ending date for the stay abroad and a brief description of the expertise of the home and host institutions (max 3 pages).
- Curriculum vitae of the applicant (max 2 pages)
- Confirmation of the host institution that the project can be performed for at least 6 weeks there (signed by the head of department). The document should also specify to which society (ESAO/JSAO/ASAIO) the supervisor belongs to.
- Confirmation of the home institution about the status of the applicant as part of the institution for the project period or at least parts of it (signed by the head of department).

4. What documents to submit after the visit in the host institution:

- Final report about the activity (max 2 pages).
- Presentation of the results of the project at one of the annual meetings of ASAIO, ESAO or JSAO in 2026 (or in case of delay due to important reasons to be approved by the jury, in 2027).

5. Deadline:

Application must be submitted by **July 31st 2025** via email to Asst. Prof. Libera Fresiello, the Secretary Treasurer of IFAO and Coordinator of the Scholarship (l.fresiello@utwente.nl).

6. Evaluation

A jury of IFAO members will decide on the best application. The jury reserves the right not to grant the award, in case of inadequate submissions. The winner will be announced at the joint JSAO-IFAO conference 2025 in Tokyo.

L. Fresiello
IFAO-Secretary Treasurer
Scholarship Coordinator

Prof. Minoru Ono
IFAO-Chairman

and the Board of the IFAO