

IPNA Training Centers

Frequent Questions & Answers

1. What is the fellowship training duration?

The duration of the training is 6 or 12 months. The training can be extended up to another 12 months if approved by the Fellowship Committee.

2. Will the training positions be advertised via IPNA communication channels or it should be done locally?

IPNA is promoting the fellowship program on a regular basis, along with a bigger promotion prior to the fellowship application deadline – on April 1 and October 1. The list of the training centers is online on the IPNA website and applicants are directed to contact the training center on their own first to receive approval to apply for training at the center, to arrange details of the training, to request and receive the acceptance letter, etc.

3. What is required from the training center as a part of the fellowship application?

The applicant should be in touch with the chosen training center. Applicant should enclose with his/her application a training plan developed in cooperation with the training center (which must include hands on training). The supervisor of the training also has to issue the acceptance letter for the training.

4. Will IPNA issue a certificate of completion to a fellow after the training?

Yes, IPNA issues the certificate after the IPNA Office receives the final report from the trainee. An advanced training certificate is issued if the training was extended from the initial period.

5. Is there any support for the trainees? (accommodation, insurance etc.)

Unfortunately, it is not in IPNA's capacity to provide any further support or assistance. IPNA is aware that some training centers might request a training fee, which is not covered by IPNA. If the training center is not able to waive the fee, this has to be paid by the fellow. IPNA only provides the financial grant.

IPNA cannot be held liable for any consequences related to travelling or staying abroad. The responsibility for procuring health/accident and travel insurances remains with the Fellow.

6. What is the logical progression of the trainee? Is there a guarantee that they will progress to a level 2 training center in the region after successful completion of the level I training?

Some people may desire only level 1 training ; however, fellows who desire to receive level 2 training can request approval and funding to do so, ideally in the same region or continent.

7. Is there any form of support for the training center?

IPNA is regularly in touch with the training centers inquiring about their requirements and need. Please do not hesitate to let IPNA know anytime about any issue.

8. What documentations or other reports are required from the training center, and what is the regularity of such reports?

The standard period of approval of a training center is 5 years. At the end of this period, IPNA sends you a feedback survey which provides us with information regarding the training center's experience with fellows and resources available at the center for education. This helps inform discussions regarding ongoing approval as a training center.

9. What is the financial support from IPNA for the fellowship program, is it different depending on the Training Center?

The financial support for the fellow is defined by the Gross National Income (World Bank). Please see the table below.

10. Our training is charging the fellowship fee for each training. Would this be covered by IPNA?

IPNA isn't providing any extra financial support to cover these fees.

11. When and how is the financial support transferred?

IPNA prefers to have the funds sent directly to the training center, rather than to a fellow. IPNA Office would send you a bank account details template to be filled in.

If, however, it is not possible/convenient for a center to receive the funds, IPNA Office needs to receive a written request from a supervisor stating that the funds should be transferred to the personal account of a fellow and the reasons for the request.

12. What happens if the IPNA budget does not allow to complete a 12-month fellowship in the selected Training Center ?

There must be agreement before the fellowship is started that the funding allows for the fellowship to be conducted. For example, fellows training in France are only able to receive a maximum of 7 months of training because of the IPNA funding limits and financial requirements imposed by French policy.

Annexe 2: training grant amount validated (December 2016)

Fellowship Funding

Gross National Income (GNI) per capita	6-Months Funding	12-Months Funding
0 – 5 K	\$4 K	\$8 K
> 5 – 15 K	\$5 K	\$10 K
> 15 – 30 K	\$7,5 K	\$15 K
> 30 K	\$10 K	\$20 K

Level 1 – Basic Competence

- Fundamental knowledge – kidney structure & function, blood & electrolyte results with relevant management
- Clinical examination & assessment skills
- Assessment & management of ped nephrology problems in inpatient and out-patient settings
- Assessment of fluid status & appropriate fluid management.
- Knowledge of fluid & electrolyte imbalance in renal pathology
 - Urinalysis
 - Fluid resuscitation (Oral and IV, Different fluids available)
- Understanding basic renal imaging techniques for UTI's
- Understanding social implications of CKD
- Principles of prescribing medication in children with renal dysfunction
- Knowledge of basic disorders
 - Hematuria & Proteinuria
 - UTI's
 - Nephrotic & Nephritic
 - AKI and CKD
 - Hypertension
 - Renal Calculi
- Outpatient Department follow-up of patients with renal pathology
- Develop communication skills with respect to the care of children with kidney diseases
- Manage the patient with acute kidney injury
 - Conservatively
 - Peritoneal dialysis, if possible
- Perform small audit project
- Knowledge of screening and awareness of paediatric renal disease
- Proficiency in preventive nephrology

Level 2 – Clinical Skills

- Outpatient attendance under supervision
 - Management of general nephrology/urology patients (Transplant – optional)
 - Growth and nutrition in children with renal disease
- Ward admission and management of complicated paediatric nephrology patients
 - Acute new patients including AKI
 - Ward responsibility with evaluation of urinalysis, checking and interpreting blood results, phoning parents, keeping the files current with latest results, etc.
 - First-line on-call roster after hours
 - Managing CKD and chronic dialysis patients
- Interpretation of radiologic, ultrasound, nuclear and urodynamic studies
- Presenting cases on ward rounds, and grand/academic teaching rounds
- Perform practical procedures under supervision including
 - Renal biopsies
 - Dialysis related, such as insertion of acute peritoneal dialysis catheters
 - Observing or assisting in insertion of hemocatheters
- Acquire knowledge of renal histology by attending histology meetings