



ILCA Africa Fellowship Programme 2022

Eligibility Criteria and Requirements

Application submission for the ILCA Fellowship 2022 is open until:

June 3rd, 2022 (23:59 CET)

Eligibility Criteria:

- ✓ Candidate must be based in Africa. Fellowship recipient can complete this program within Africa or at the research mentor's institution (if outside of Africa).
- ✓ Candidate must be under 40 years old and undertaking post-doctoral studies in a liver cancer related discipline within a public or private non-profit institution engaged in health care and health-related research.
- ✓ Candidate should hold a PhD or MD and pursuing post-doctoral studies which includes both basic and/or clinical research. Those in post-MD Residency or Fellowship programmes and engaged in liver cancer research are eligible. If candidates hold full-time faculty positions, letters of commitment must confirm support of the Fellowship requirements.
- ✓ Candidate must be an ILCA member in good standing and remain an ILCA member for the duration of the fellowship.
To apply for or renew your membership, please visit the [membership section on ILCA Website](#) and process your membership application online.
- ✓ Candidate must be supported by a research mentor.
The mentor must be an ILCA member in good standing at the time of application and maintain active membership for the duration of the fellowship period. Mentor does not need to be based in Africa.
If mentor is not a member, he/she should apply for or renew his/her membership online on the [ILCA website](#).

Application should include:

- ✓ Candidate's biographical sketch
- ✓ Summary of research activity in Africa and abstract
- ✓ Research plan of maximum 8 pages including specific aims, background and significance, preliminary results, research design and methods, references and information on the research facilities.
- ✓ Letters of commitment from head of department and mentor of maximum 1 page each.

The applicant's mentor must confirm the following:

- minimum 80% of the applicant's time will be devoted to the research project on which this application is based
- he/she will be available to provide advice and guidance to the applicant during the award cycle



- ✓ 2 letters of recommendation
Each letter of recommendation should be limited to maximum 1 page, attesting to the applicant's qualifications, commitment to research and quality of scientific work.
- ✓ Signatures of the application by the appropriate individuals

Application details:

Applications for the ILCA Africa Fellowship Programme 2022 will be submitted to the ILCA Office until **June 3rd, 2022**.

Applications will be reviewed by the ILCA Executive Committee and the ILCA Education Committee and the Fellow will be publicly recognized during the Africa HepatoPancreatoBiliary Cancer Consortium Conference (25-28 August 2022) and the 16th ILCA Annual Conference (1-4 September 2022). The successful applicant will be notified in July 2022 and the outcome of the selection process will be announced within the ILCA Community.

Reporting:

The awarded Fellow will provide an initial and closing report on his/her research activity to ILCA.

For the ILCA Africa Fellowship Programme 2022, the reporting timeline will be as follows:

- ✓ **The initial report** will be submitted to ILCA 6 months after the programme starts.
The awarded Fellow will provide an initial report on his/her research activity to ILCA after the fellowship's beginning. The initial report should consist of 2 pages.
- ✓ **The closing report** will be submitted to ILCA 12 months after the programme starts.
At the end of the fellowship, a closing report consisting of 5 pages will be provided to ILCA.

Both reports should be signed by the mentor and contain a summary of research during the reporting period, including actual results and their significance and changes in the original research proposal. The report should indicate how funds were used and amount remaining, if any.

Publications:

The successful Fellow will acknowledge ILCA in all publications resulting from research performed during the tenure of the fellowship. Abstracts, manuscripts or other articles that reflect research funded by this award must also acknowledge support from ILCA.

How to apply:

Complete the Application Form — downloadable on the ILCA Fellowship webpage — and email it to the ILCA Office at info@ilca-online.org.

All requested documents should be sent as PDF attachments in one single email communication. Paper applications will be accepted.

Conditions:

Funds will be issued to the recipient's institution and are not transferable to another recipient or another institution.

In exceptional circumstances, depending on the quality of the research and progress made, the fellowship will be renewed for one additional year.