

2008 ICHTHYOSIS CLINICAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Foundation for Ichthyosis & Related Skin Types (F.I.R.S.T.) is currently accepting applications for an Ichthyosis Fellow. The broad goals of the Fellowship Program are to identify and train the next generation of clinicians who will treat patients with ichthyosis and who, through their own clinical and laboratory investigations, advance understanding of this group of diseases.

By the time of initiation of the Program, the successful candidate will be a Board certified or eligible dermatologist in a tertiary care academic institution and must be nominated by their institution and mentor, who will attest to the likelihood of his/her opportunities to continue his/her interest in patients with ichthyosis.

Requirements for the fellowship include:

1. Active involvement in a clinical setting likely to provide exposure to patients representing a wide range of diagnoses of disorders of keratinization . (IV, RXLI, EHK, LI, CIE, DD, ILC/Neth, EKV, KID, HI, PRP, PSS, PPK, syndromic disease plus ichthyosis). A “curriculum” assuring that the fellow will have training in the evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and longitudinal follow-up of patients with ichthyosis is an essential component of this fellowship experience.
2. Active involvement with F.I.R.S.T. and related patient-support activities, including participation in biennial family or regional conference; writing and editing brochures, articles for the newsletter; monitoring medical content on the website; and handling medical questions received by the office or support network
3. Conduct research directly related to ichthyosis as a PI or co-PI on IRB-approved clinical trial involving patients with ichthyosis; *or* hunt for new gene in well-characterized group of patients with ichthyosis; *or* lab-based treatment discovery effort *or* similar.

The Fellowship award is \$40,000. It is not intended to be the primary source of salary support. This award can be used in addition to other awards, where permitted, and/or to supplement institutional salary support. If salary has been guaranteed through another mechanism, this award can be used to support the fellow’s research and ichthyosis-related clinical effort.

The deadline for applications is May 31. The application is available online at www.scalyskin.org, or by emailing info@scalyskin.org, or contacting the F.I.R.S.T. office at 1364 Welsh Road, G2, North Wales, PA 19454, 215.619.0670.