



Improving Prosthetic & Orthotic Sciences - IPOS Programme

Application Guidelines

Background

With the IPOS Programme, the ISPO Scientific Committee (SC) aims to increase the promotion of P&O scientific developments. Indeed, it is generally agreed that current scientific practices related to P&O are still in their early stages. However, evidence-based practices are highly important to sustain and develop high quality P&O care and such quality care can only be achieved based on the implementation and publication of high level, well conducted scientific studies.

To become a Research Mentor:

A mentor is defined as “an experienced and trusted adviser”. Any experts (preferably with PhD qualification) who are interested in IPOS mentorship and have more than ten articles published in SCI journals, with the context related to prosthetics and orthotics, can apply to IPOS using the [online application form](#).

The ISPO Scientific Committee is responsible for assessing candidates and mentor-mentee allocation. Accepted Research Mentors (with their consent) will be listed on the ISPO website to honor their commitment to IPOS.

To become a Research Mentee:

A “mentee” is the person being mentored. Any interested professionals, who have been member of ISPO since at least 2 years, and who are interested in being paired with an IPOS mentor can apply using the [online application form](#).

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One-to-One Mentorship:

Each Research Mentee will be assigned a Research Mentor to coach him/her, from research manuscript preparation to submission. Research Mentors could also advise Research Mentees on how to reply the journal editors about the comments given by the manuscript reviewers. Regular communication between the two parties is expected.

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