

WLEH FELLOWSHIP GRANTS

SUPPORTING WOMEN LEADERS TO ADVANCE SKILLS AND IMPACT

ABOUT THE GRANTS

APPLICATIONS ARE WELCOMED FROM BOTH EMERGING AND ESTABLISHED WOMEN LEADERS, RECOGNIZING THAT LEADERSHIP CAN BE DEMONSTRATED THROUGH INFLUENCE, INITIATIVE, MENTORSHIP, ADVOCACY, AND SERVICE, NOT ONLY FORMAL POSITIONS OR TITLES

The Fellowship Grants, part of the WLEH Accelerator Track, invest in women leaders in eye health by supporting advanced training, clinical specialization, and academic opportunities that strengthen their capacity to drive institutional, community and health system change.

This initiative seeks to strengthen a diverse pipeline of women leaders to advance gender equity, influence decision-making, and improve eye health systems through their institutions and communities.

What kinds of fellowship opportunities can be funded?

Women leaders in eye health are invited to apply for support across a range of learning opportunities, including:

- Clinical fellowships
- Clinical specialization programs
- Academic or degree programs
- Short courses or certification programs
- Advanced clinical or research training
- Other relevant opportunities

Fellowships should be aligned with WLEH's focus on gender equity and strengthening eye health systems.

THIS CALL SUPPORTS FELLOWSHIP AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES ONLY. INNOVATION PROJECTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE WLEH INNOVATION HUB. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION IS NOT ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS FUNDING STREAM.

What we are looking for

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Potential to advance women's leadership and contribute to more equitable eye health systems
- Relevance and quality of the proposed learning opportunity
- Applicant's professional trajectory and leadership potential
- Feasibility and readiness to participate
- Appropriate and justified use of funds

Grants typically average around **USD 4,500**, determined on a case-by-case basis. As such, grants are intended to provide partial financial support and may not cover the full cost of participation. Funding may contribute toward eligible expenses such as tuition, course fees, certification costs, travel, etc

Application Timeline

- Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis
- Open through November 2026
- Early submission is strongly encouraged

How to Apply

Applicants will be asked to submit:

- A short online application form
- A CV or professional profile
- A Motivation Letter outlining the purpose of the fellowship/training; how the applicant will apply and share the learning within their institution or community, and the expected contribution to leadership and eye health outcomes

Selected fellows will be expected to complete a brief post-fellowship reflection outlining learnings and impact

Why Apply?

- Access funding to support your development
- Strengthen your leadership as a woman in eye health
- Build specialized clinical or academic expertise
- Contribute to advancing gender equity in eye health systems and generate lasting impact

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