



Criteria for Fellow of the ISHLT (ISHLTF)

Applications must be submitted online through the ISHLT website. This document is for reference only and will not be accepted as an official application.

Please read the following before submitting your application.

Application Information Reminders

- Applications open 17 November
- Completion of the online application must be submitted by the 15 December at 11:59 PM EST.
- Only completed applications will be considered of the ISHLTF designation. Completed applications include:
 1. The online application – this includes the four-part qualification system detailed below
 2. A curriculum vitae, resume, and/or publications bibliography
 3. Two letters of recommendation
 4. One-time non-refundable application fee

We are unable to accept or review additional attachments or documentation to support your application.

- Candidates receiving the ISHLTF designation will be informed in February 2026, prior to ISHLT2026.
- Questions may be directed to ISHLT at membership@ishlt.org.

Four-Part Qualification System

1. Core Qualifications

Candidates must:

- 1.1 Have been a continuous ISHLT member for at least five years.
- 1.2 Maintain continuous membership after receiving the designation.
- 1.3 Be actively engaged in clinical care or research in heart or lung failure.
- 1.4 Have not violated ISHLT's ethical standards.

2. Member Engagement Criteria (Minimum 10 points required)

Candidates must accumulate at least **10 points** from the following activities, which must have occurred within the past 7 years:



Activity	Points
2.1 Attend two in-person ISHLT Annual Meetings	5 points
2.2 Attend one additional ISHLT Annual Meeting	5 points
2.3 Serve as faculty at an ISHLT program where CME is offered	5 points per occurrence
2.4 Attend an ISHLT Academy or other in-person educational program	3 points per event
2.5 Attend an ISHLT virtual program (e.g., webinars, community events)	2 points per event

3. Service to ISHLT Criteria (Minimum 12 points required)

Candidates must accumulate at least **12 points** from the following Leadership and/or Education and Content activities, which must have occurred within the past 7 years:

Activity: Leadership	Points
3.1 Serve in an elected or appointed ISHLT leadership position (Chair, Vice Chair, Co-Chair, Trustee, Officer, Director)	12 points
3.2 Serve on the ISHLT Foundation Board of Trustees	12 points
3.3 Lead an ISHLT writing group, task force, or represent ISHLT on a joint project	8 points per project
3.4 Serve in an appointed or elected position (Professional Community Representative/IDN Steering Committee, Early Career & Trainee Committee, ISHLT <i>en Español</i> or like body, Leadership Advisory Forum Representative)	6 points per term
3.5 Serve on the JHLT or JHLT Open Editorial Board	6 points per term
3.6 Serve as a member of an ISHLT committee or task force, including Annual Meeting Program Committee, in a non-leadership role	3 points per term
3.7 Serve as a volunteer fundraiser for the ISHLT Foundation	3 points
Activity: Education and Content	
3.8 Receive a research grant or recognition award from ISHLT or the ISHLT Foundation	5 points
3.9 Review 10 or more manuscripts for ISHLT journals	5 points
3.10 Serve as member of Standards and Guidelines endorsed consensus document writing group	4 points
3.11 Publication in JHLT or JHLT Open (first author)	4 points per publication (max 8 points)
3.12 Publication in JHLT or JHLT Open (co-author)	2 points per publication (max 4 points)
3.13 Serve as faculty for an ISHLT Annual Meeting, an organizer for ISHLT <i>en Español</i> or similar programs	3 points
3.14 Serve as an abstract reviewer for an ISHLT Annual Meeting	3 points per meeting
3.15 Serve as a reviewer of grants submitted to ISHLT	3 points per grant cycle
3.16 Obtain "ISHLT Influencer" status by posting on ISHLTConnect	11 points



4 Commitment to the Field Criteria (Minimum 10 points required)

Candidates must accumulate at least **10 points** from the following activities within the past 7 years:

Activity	Points
4.1 Currently hold board certification or top-level certification in specialty (Examples: ABTS, ABIM, ABS, FRCP, FRCS, ABPath, CCRC, CPI, APRN, RN, or equivalent)	6 points
4.2 A history of grant funding from a national entity, society, industry, or foundation	5 points
4.3 Demonstrated body of scholarly work in peer-reviewed journals	5 points
4.4 Documented service to a related organization, patient advocacy group, or transplantation-related community initiative	4 points
4.5 Documentation of a significant role in professional education (e.g., fellowship teaching, professional lecturing)	4 points
4.6 Current involvement in training, teaching, or mentoring activities (e.g., professor role, hospital-based teaching)	4 points

Additional Application Requirements

5.1 Two letters of recommendation*:

5.1.1 One from an ISHLT leader who has been elected or appointed to a volunteer position **or** a letter from a mentor or department supervisor.

5.1.2 One from any ISHLT member in good standing.

5.2 A curriculum vitae, resume, and/or publications bibliography.

5.3 A one-time non-refundable application fee, with a sliding scale based on professional role and geographic region.

** Letters of recommendation cannot be written by current members of the [ISHLT Membership Committee](#), [ISHLT Board of Directors](#), or the [ISHLT Foundation Board](#).*