

## ISTAART Ascent Career Development Program

## **Program Details**

- Participants immerse themselves in Alzheimer's and dementia research landscape by attending AAIC 2025, including
  - Enjoying a welcome dinner for ISTAART Ascent participants
  - Presenting their work at the world's largest forum for Alzheimer's and dementia research participants
  - Attending poster and podium presentations presented by other ISTAART Ascent participants
  - Acting as judges in the ISTAART Student Poster Competition
- Participants participate in a virtual meeting once every month with other cohort members, hosted by the Alzheimer's Association.
  - Participants must lead at least one peer-to-peer engagement virtual meeting in which they (i) Present a summary of their own work and future plans, (ii) Moderate a Q&A with leader(s)\* in the field on a career-development topic, e.g. a discussion on
    - Publishing with editors of the Alzheimer's and Dementia journal family
    - Funding with awardees and reviewers of the Alzheimer's Association International Grants Research Program
    - Budgeting with members of the Alzheimer's Association grants team
    - Building collaborative networks with members of the ISTAART Advisory Council and Professional Interest Area (PIA) chairs
    - Scientific abstracts and presentations with members of the AAIC Scientific Program Committee
    - Building a team and creating an environment of inclusion with winners of the AAIC Neuroscience Next Excellence in Mentoring Award
    - Secrets to resilience and longevity in research with AAIC Lifetime Achievement Award winners
    - Incorporating Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) in research in your work with executive committee members of Partnering with Research Participants PIA
    - Social media for scientific engagement with the Alzheimer's Association Marketing and Communications team and ISTAART Executives
- Participants work together to submit an ISTAART Educational Event at AAIC 2026 that shares key learnings of the program with a broad audience

\* Examples of and introductions to leaders will be facilitated by Alzheimer's Association staff



## **Application Requirements**

- An application form must be fully completed.
- Participants are required to submit an abstract to the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) 2025 before the main submission deadline of January 31, 2025, including a request for a travel fellowship application.

Visit <u>www.alz.org/ISTAARTascent</u> for the program overview and additional application information.