

RE: Wael Almaheed & IAS Research Training Fellowship

I am Mohammed Ammar, a cardiologist and early-career clinical investigator. I had the privilege of joining the Master of Medical Sciences in Clinical Investigation (MMSCI) program at Harvard Medical School—a rigorous, full-time, two-year program that combines advanced coursework, hands-on workshops, and mentored research. I graduated at the top of my class and was honored with the prestigious Gordon Williams Gold Medal Award for Best Graduating Student.

Driven by a deep interest in cardiovascular omics-based research, I joined Dr. Samia Mora's research group at the Center for Lipid Metabolomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital. I designed and led two sophisticated research projects investigating metabolomic and glycomic profiles in relation to cardiovascular disease phenotypes. I independently developed the analysis plans, conducted the statistical analyses, authored the manuscripts, and presented my work regularly at lab meetings, departmental events, and international conferences.

The 6th Wael Almahmeed and IAS Research Training Fellowship has been instrumental in supporting my research journey by funding six months of my work. Beyond financial support, I believe the fellowship significantly enhanced my academic profile and contributed to my selection for the Gordon Williams Gold Medal Award. I am also confident it will strengthen my applications for future grants that I have already submitted.

I would like to sincerely thank Professor Wael Almahmeed and the International Atherosclerosis Society. This fellowship has played a pivotal role in my career, and I strongly encourage other researchers to apply. It is a valuable opportunity that can open many doors.

Sincerely,
Mohammed Ammar, MD, MSc, MMSc