

Sister Renal Centers Program

ISN PROGRAMS

Building partnerships of excellence

The Sister Renal Centers (SRC) Program sets out to enhance the practice of nephrology in the developing world by linking emerging renal units with established centers of excellence in the developed world.

Self-sufficient renal centers worldwide

The essence of the SRC Program is to develop an emerging center through the goodwill and resources of a supporting center. This structure sets out to reinforce and encourage support that is provided by the partnering sister center.

By building a strong partnership, the SRC Pair will evolve into a long-lasting, stable and fruitful collaboration between two centers of excellence. They can provide state-of-the-art clinical practice and become hubs for sharing education, training and implementing disease-preventive strategies within their geographical area. The ISN SRC Trio Program also helps them continuously build on the partnership and potentially support other centers in their region.

One step at a time

The SRC Program nurtures a partnership between two centers by supplying a framework and several benefits which depend on their C, B or A level status within the program. Successful centers who show documented accomplishments may progress within the program acquiring greater support and more benefits.

Every level has a status

- **Level C is the first stage within the program.** Sister Partnerships jointly enter the program at level C for a period of two years. They receive basic annual funds from ISN to help develop and support training links. These centers are eligible for an upgrade to a level B position if the progress reports are satisfactory.
- **Level B is the second stage within the program.** Sister Centers which have shown significant progress in level C can move to level B after two years.
- **Level A is the final stage.** Level B centers can apply competitively for an upgrade to Level A after two years. These upgrades are reserved for those few partnerships whose emerging sister centers show the most promising development towards centers of excellence in their region.
- **Honorary C or B.** Failed upgrade requests from C to B and from B to A become Honorary C or Honorary B and have one additional chance to apply for an upgrade.

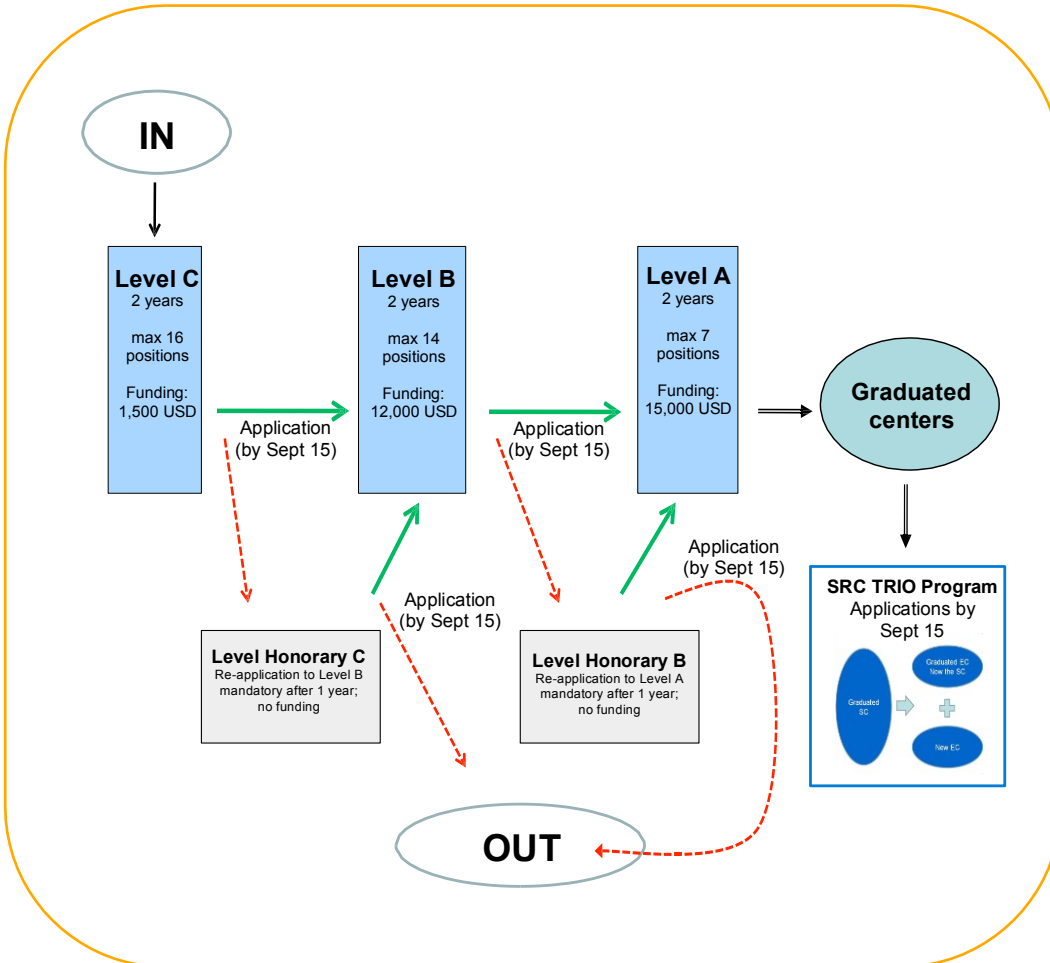


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SRC structure



How to apply

New center partnerships who would like to join the SRC Program can apply for entry at level C.

Applications must include a detailed action and budget plan as well as a clear description of how the collaboration will develop the services of the emerging center and positively reflect the supporting center.

The SRC Program deadline for applications and upgrades is **September 15** every year.

The applications are to be submitted to the ISN Headquarters. The lists of documents to submit as well as the templates are available on the website two months before the application deadline.

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