



Asia Pacific Association of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology

APAAACI CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE (ACE)

An APAAACI Center of Excellence (ACE) is a multidisciplinary academic medical institution/Center in the Asia Pacific which actively practices and promotes scientific and clinical innovation, education, research and advocacy in the Asia Pacific region and beyond in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology.

The ACE creates a community of researchers and clinicians providing excellence in patient care, education, research, and training to various stakeholders in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology.

ACE provides:

- Clinicians and researchers with continuing education, research collaboration, networking opportunities, and access to interdisciplinary training programs
- Fellows in training with training and education opportunities; and participation in APAAACI Congress and its educational/scientific initiatives
- ACE providers and partners with opportunities for networking and collaboration to enhance research, education and training in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology.

Criteria for ACE selection and renewal:

An ACE is identified as a multidisciplinary group, based in an academic medical institution/Center, encompassing two or more sub-specialties, with the following components:

- ACE should have a *well-defined work history in line with APAAACI's strategy and mission*, with the intent of advancing clinical expertise, education and training in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology as a multidisciplinary field.
- ACE should have a *well-established organization with good governance and infrastructure* that houses recognized leaders/mentors in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology.
- ACE should have *diverse faculty representing two or more clinical subspecialties*.
- ACE should have a record of scientific /clinical publications and/or a *record of well-established educational / training initiatives and mentors in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology*.



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ACE should be proficient in the following areas:

- **Clinical Care:** Well-established programs in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology, with multidisciplinary activity and innovation.
- **Research:** Specifically in basic and clinical research, with goals for multidisciplinary activities.
- **Basic Science:** Should have recognized MSc or PhD programs engaged in allergy, asthma and clinical immunology, and proposed goals for multidisciplinary activity and innovation.
- **Education and Training:** Well recognized education/training program in line with APAAACI's mission.
- **Networking / Advocacy:** Involvement in scientific and advocacy activities at the national, regional or international level with multiple stakeholders like patient groups, lay community, and/or government.

Continuing eligibility as an ACE will be renewed every three years. To keep the status as an ACE, the Center must demonstrate the following requisites:

- At least 4 peer-reviewed publications related to allergy and immunology during the preceding three years with at least one grant in basic or clinical research
- Record of at least 2 graduate students having trained at the Center
- Organized or participated in at least 2 independent (of APAAACI) activities e.g.: participated in APAAACI Allergy Week
- Organized at least 2 academic activities (seminars, short courses, congresses, workshops) related to allergy and immunology

The benefits of becoming an APAAACI Center of Excellence include:

- Opportunity to collaborate with APAAACI on educational programs and propose topics for educational resources and sessions at APAAACI congresses
- Opportunity to participate in APAAACI committees
- Scientific support from APAAACI in the development and dissemination of scientific publications / educational resources
- Cross collaboration with other Centers of Excellence to perform international multi-Center projects, develop joint mentorship, research fellowships, etc. with other leading Centers regionally and globally
- Receipt of ACE recognition plaque from APAAACI.