

Gatorade Sports Nutrition Immersion Program

Fellow Application Guide

The Gatorade Sports Nutrition Immersion Program (SNIP) matches full-time sports dietitians with CPSDA members interested in gaining more practical hands-on experience working with athletes and sports programs. **The deadline for applications is Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at midnight EST.** Fellow candidate requirements:

- Must be a CPSDA member in good standing and maintain membership throughout the immersion.
- Must have a desire to attain more practical hands-on experience to preparing them for a career working full-time as a sports dietitian.
- Must be a credentialed registered dietitian by the time immersions begin in July/August 2022.
- Selected fellows must be able to participate in an on-site training session and kick-off meeting **June 21-23, 2022**. The Gatorade Company will work directly with each fellow to provide travel accommodations for attendance at the kick-off meeting.

Gatorade and CPSDA will provide **ten paid fellowships**. Each immersion program is an **eight-month** fellowship. Immersion programs have the potential for a longer duration; however, the host institution will be responsible for funding an extension. Those immersions already anticipating a longer duration are noted within the immersion host-site descriptions. Previous years of this program have proven extensions may occur via later decisions within any immersion. Selections for the immersion programs are based on the candidates' education and previous experience. Every effort will be made by CPSDA to pair fellows with the immersion host-site location they prefer

A small team of CPSDA members will select candidates. Fellows are expected to fulfill the entire duration of the immersion and will be compensated a stipend of **\$16,000 for the 8-month**. Immersion stipend is taxable income and fellows will receive a **Form 1099**. Fellows who leave their immersion early and terminate the SNIP Fellow Letter of Agreement will be responsible for repaying \$2500 to CPSDA within 60 days of departure from the program. Host-site selection process Selection of the ten immersion sites for this program are guided by criteria established by the CPSDA Board of Directors, which includes the experience and availability of a full-time sports dietitian to host an immersion program along with the sports dietitian's membership in CPSDA.

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Application Process

1. Complete the application that is hyperlinked on the Gatorade Sports Nutrition Immersion Program page on **www.sportsrd.org**.
2. Requested letters of recommendation will be sent directly from the Submittable application program.
 - Each applicant will be able to monitor the status to ensure the letter of recommendation has been received and that the application is complete.
3. Read the immersion descriptions written by each potential host site.

- Rank the immersion host-sites in order from 1 to 10 based your level of interest. Number 1 being the site you are **most** interested in and number 10 being the location of **least** interest to you.
 - Do not list any location in which you are not interested.
 - Candidates choosing fewer than ten immersion host-sites will not be penalized.
4. Top candidates will go through a video interview process with host-sites before the matching process occurs. Fellows will not be matched to a host site at which they have previously worked.