

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 6, 2024, at midnight EST.**

CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a CPSDA member and maintain membership throughout the immersion.
- Must be a credentialed registered dietitian by the time immersions begin in **July/August 2024.**
- Must be able to participate in a 2-day on-site training session the **week of June 10, 2024** (exact dates to be determined). Travel and accommodation for selected participants will be paid for by Gatorade.

Gatorade and CPSDA will provide **8 paid fellowships.** Each immersion program is an **8-month** fellowship. Immersion programs have the potential for a longer duration; 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.

Fellows are expected to fulfill the entire duration of the immersion and will be compensated a stipend of **\$20,500 for the 8-month period (\$2562.50/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.

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. *Please note that fellows will not be matched to a host site at which they have previously worked.*

HOST- SITE SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of the eight 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. Selected SNIP fellows are responsible for scheduling their own travel and lodging to and from the immersion host-site.

FELLOW 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.
 - Recommendation letters are due by February 6, 2024 – there are no exceptions.
3. Read the immersion descriptions written by each potential host site.
 - Rank the immersion host-sites in order from 1 to 8 based on your level of interest. Number 1 being the site you are **most** interested in and number 8 being the location of **least** interest to you.
 - Do not list any location in which you are not interested.
 - Candidates choosing fewer than eight immersion host-sites will not be penalized.
4. The SNIP committee will determine the top fellow candidates. 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.
 - The top 8 fellow candidates determined from the interview process will be matched with the top 8 ranked host sites by **March 25, 2024**,