

CALL FOR 2016 APOA-SICOT Spine Fellowship

Deadline for application: **15th February 2016**

ONE (1) fellowship will be awarded. The fellow will spend **4 weeks** in a spine centre of excellence led by Professor Cody Buenger in Aarhus, Denmark. This is a unique opportunity to interact with and learn from renowned spine surgeons in Europe.

The fellowship must be completed before **31st October 2016**. The fellow may propose anytime between May and October in 2016 to complete the 4-week fellowship.

Guidelines and Criteria for Application:

- APSS member (previously known as “a member of Spine Section of the APOA”). **Please submit proof of payment for the APOA membership + Spine Section membership if you are not a member yet.**
- Age 45 years or less.
- Must communicate effectively in English and have a legal status to go abroad.
- Have a university level of degree or country equivalent.
- Applicant when submitting this application **MUST** be at this point to be active in spine practice (at least 50% workload should be on spine surgery).
- Not a previous recipient of the APSS Fellowship.

When submitting your application, please include:

1. **Brief curriculum vitae (not more than 4 pages).**
 - a. **Qualifications (including degree(s), institution (s) and years)**
 - i. **Basic Medical Degree**
 - ii. **Postgraduate Orthopaedic Education (e.g. FRCS Orth, MS Orth and etc.)**
 - iii. **Spine Fellowship/ Attachment(s) – date and duration**
 - b. **Present appointment(s)**
 - c. **Publication/ Oral presentation/ Poster and etc.**
 - d. **Duration of experience in spine surgery**
2. **Scanned copies of certificates and qualifications.**
3. **Recommended letter from 2 referees (APSS council members/ Heads of Departments (of Spine or Orthopaedics), and Presidents of Local Spine and Orthopaedic Societies).**
4. **Scanned passport size photograph in JPEG file.**
5. **Scanned copy of passport – with at least 6 months validity.**
6. **1 abstract related to spine of not more than 300 words. This abstract will be used during the fellowship.**
7. **Selection criteria form**

Economy air travel, accommodation and allowance arrangements will be covered by APSS Secretariat. Successful applicant will be given assistance towards securing their air tickets and accommodation as well. Successful applicant **MUST** present **certificate of health** and **proof of health insurance coverage**. The fellow is responsible for obtaining and payment of visa and visa fee respectively, as well as for their health and travel insurance. APSS will not reimburse visa fee, health and travel insurance.

The **closing date** for receipt of completed application is **15th February 2016**.

Kindly submit your application to spine@apssonline.org by filling up the attached application form & selection criteria form, and submitting the required documents stated. For more information, please visit www.apssonline.org.