

**CALL FOR 2017 APSS (Spine Section of the APOA)
TRAVELLING AND CLINICAL FELLOWSHIPS
Deadline for application: **31st January 2017****

APSS DePuy Synthes Spine Travelling Fellowships 2017

Eight (8) fellowships will be awarded. The fellows will be divided into 2 groups. Each group will visit spine centers of excellence in 3 countries in the Asia Pacific Region. The duration of the Fellowship will be **3 weeks**, commencing on **31st August to 20th September 2017**. The end of this fellowship will coincide with the 11th Biennial Combined Congress of APSS-APPOS in Goa, India, 22nd to 24th September 2017.

APSS DePuy Synthes Spine Clinical Fellowship 2017

Three (3) fellowships will be awarded. Each fellow will spend **3 weeks** in a spine center of excellence in the Asia Pacific Region, commencing on **31st August to 20th September 2017**. This is a unique opportunity to interact with and learn from renowned spine surgeons in the Asia Pacific region. The end of this fellowship will coincide with the 11th Biennial Combined Congress of APSS-APPOS in Goa, India, 22nd to 24th September 2017.

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) specifying: -**
 - 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 for presentation in our next APSS meeting as well as during the fellowship.**
7. **Selection criteria form**
8. **2015-2016 Spine logbook**

The **closing date** for receipt of completed application is **31st January 2017**.

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 .