

## CALL FOR APPLICATION: APSS-GANGA HOSPITAL FELLOWSHIP 2018

Deadline for application: **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Two (2) fellowships will be awarded. Each fellow will spend 3 weeks at **Spine Surgery Unit of Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore, India** that is headed by **Professor S Rajasekaran**. The first fellowship shall be between **March or April 2018**. Fellows may propose the fellowship dates in 2018, and the final dates are to be finalised after discussing with the host.

This is a unique opportunity to interact with and learn from the spine team in the Orthopaedic Surgery Department of Ganga Hospital, which is the first centre in Asia that became a member of International Society of Orthopaedic Centre (ISOC).

### 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. Fellowship application form
2. 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
3. Scanned copies of certificates and qualifications.
4. Recommended letter from 2 referees (APSS council members, Heads of Departments (of Spine or Orthopaedics), and Presidents of Local Spine and Orthopaedic Societies).
5. Scanned passport size photograph in JPEG file.
6. Scanned copy of passport – with at least 6 months validity.
7. 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.
8. Selection criteria form
9. 2017 Spine logbook

**Economy air travel (round trip), accommodation and airport transfer arrangements in Coimbatore** will be covered in this fellowship. 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.

Kindly submit your complete application to [spine@apssonline.org](mailto: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](http://www.apssonline.org) .

The **closing date** for receipt of completed application is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

## SELECTION PROCESS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

1. All applicants would **compete equally** based on the **selection criteria scores** as well as the **complete documents** submitted. The selection will be made by the Education Committee of APSS.
2. **Two (2) applicants** with the **highest scores** would be selected for this fellowship, of which **one (1) spot** would be offered to the **applicant from developing chapter**.
3. **Successful applicants from unique (non-repeating) chapter or country** will be selected for the fellowship awards. The rule of not awarding the fellowship to more than one applicant from the same chapter or country applies in this fellowship selection. One-time selection will be made for the fellowship programme to benefit more applicants from different chapters or countries of APSS.