CALL FOR APPLICATION:
APSS MEDTRONIC FELLOWSHIP 2020
Deadline for application: 31st March 2020

Four (4) fellowships will be awarded. Each fellow will be attached and spend a duration of 3 months (90 days) in a spine centre of excellence in the Asia Pacific Region. The fellowship must be completed before 30th June 2021. Each of the fellows can choose anytime of 3 months after discussing with the host.

This is a unique opportunity to interact with and learn from renowned spine surgeons in the Asia Pacific region.

Economy air travel (round trip), accommodation, airport transfer at host centres, and allowance for the fellows will be covered and arranged by APSS and its hosts. The fellow is responsible for obtaining the visa(s), as well as the health and travel insurance. APSS will not reimburse visa fee, health and travel insurance.

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.
- APSS member who has maintained an active, paid up membership for at least 3 years.
- Age 45 years or less.
- Must communicate effectively in English and have a legal status to go abroad.
- Have a university postgraduate 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.

* Notes:
- Example: Applicant A is a member of APSS with annual subscription since 2018. He has paid his membership for 2018-2020. Therefore, he is eligible to apply for the programme.
- Example: Applicant B is a new member of APSS who joined in June 2019. He has paid for annual subscription for 2019-2021. Therefore, he is eligible to apply for the programme.
- Example: Applicant C is a life member of APSS. Therefore, he is eligible to apply for the programme.
Documents Required for Application

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

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

The **closing date** for receipt of completed application is **31st March 2020**.
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. APSS Medtronic Fellowship
   a) Three (3) applicants with the highest scores would be selected for APSS Medtronic Fellowship.
   b) Remaining one spot would be offered to applicant from developing chapter.

3. Successful applicants from unique (non-repeating) countries or chapters will be selected for the fellowship awards.

4. The rule of not awarding the fellowship to more than one applicant from the same chapter applies for each fellowship selection. One-time selection will be made for the fellowship programme to benefit more applicants from different chapters of APSS.

5. Applicants will be eligible for only one fellowship award from the applied programmes.