

# CALL FOR APPLICATION: APSS MEDTRONIC FELLOWSHIP 2020

Deadline for application: **31<sup>st</sup> 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 **30<sup>th</sup> 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**
- 9. 2018-2019 Spine logbook**

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

The **closing date** for receipt of completed application is **31<sup>st</sup> 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.