



ASIA PACIFIC SPINE SOCIETY *Limited*

CALL FOR APPLICATION: APSS MEDTRONIC SPINE CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 2026

Deadline for application: **15th September 2026**

A total of TEN (10) fellowships will be awarded. Each fellow will be attached to and spend three (3) weeks at an APSS Spine Centre in the region. This unique opportunity allows for in-depth learning and close interaction with renowned spine surgeons across the Asia-Pacific region. With 10 host centres contributing to the advancement of spine care excellence, this fellowship programme aims to enhance professional skills and foster collaboration in the field of spine surgery.

This batch of fellows will conclude their fellowship by submitting their abstracts and attending the 15th Combined Meeting of APSS and APPOS together with the 56th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Spine Surgery and Related Research scheduled from 16th – 18th April 2027 at Kyoto International Conference Center, Kyoto, Japan.

GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

1. APSS member (previously known as “a member of Spine Section of the APOA”). Proof of payment for the APOA membership + Spine Section membership must be submitted when requested.
2. APSS member who has maintained an active, paid-up membership for at least 3 years ▼.
3. Preference given to current APSS Life Members
4. Age 45 years or less.
5. Must communicate effectively in English and have a legal status to go abroad.
6. Have a university postgraduate level of degree or country equivalent.
7. Applicants when submitting this application **MUST** be at this point to be active in spine practice (at least 50% workload should be on spine surgery).
8. Not a previous recipient of any APSS Fellowship.

▼ Notes:

Example 1: Applicant A is a member of APSS with an annual subscription since 2022. He has paid his membership for 2022-2025. Therefore, he is eligible to apply for the programme

Example 2: Applicant B is a new member of APSS who joined in June 2023. He has paid for an annual subscription for 2023-2026. Therefore, he is eligible to apply for the programme

Example 3: Applicant C is a life member of APSS. Therefore, he is eligible to apply for the programme

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DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION

When submitting your application, please include:

1. Fellowship application form – The form is available on APSS Website.
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. 2 Letters of Recommendation from APSS Chapter Representatives or Heads of Departments of Spine or Orthopaedics or 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. Application Criteria form
9. 2024 - 2025 Spine logbook

Kindly complete your application online and ensure all required documents as stated above are uploaded accordingly.

The **closing date** to receive the completed application is **15th September 2026**.

For more information, please visit www.apssonline.org

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