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TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

The Travel Fellowship, supported by APSA, the APSA Foundation and a generous grant from Sidra Medical and Research Center, is an annual award for young surgeons from a resource-poor area outside the United States and Canada. The fellowship allows the recipients to attend the APSA Annual Meeting and experience the educational and networking opportunities and includes:

- Travel expenses to and from the APSA Annual Meeting
- Lodging during the APSA Annual Meeting
- Full registration for the APSA Annual Meeting
- A stipend of $200 USD
- The opportunity to give a 5-10 minute presentation to APSA membership on his/her background, current practice and future goals

General Rules

- Two recipients selected per calendar year
- Applicants must be nominated by an APSA member. The APSA member will serve as their host for the duration of the annual meeting attended by the fellowship recipient; will arrange visits to US programs; will mentor or facilitate opportunities to continue to pursue his/her professional goals after return to the fellow's country. If an applicant does not know an APSA member for application sponsorship they should contact APSA headquarters and a member of the Global Pediatric Surgery Committee may be assigned to serve in this role.
- Applicants are evaluated and recommended by the APSA Global Pediatric Surgery Committee
- Family members are not permitted to accompany the recipient
- APSA will provide the following:
  - Full annual meeting registration
  - Lodging during the APSA Annual Meeting
- Lodging during the APSA Annual Meeting APSA Foundation will provide the following:
  - Travel expenses to and from the APSA Annual Meeting (lowest fare, coach class, booked at least 28 days in advance)
  - Stipend of USD $200
- Recipients are responsible for all other expenses

Application Guidelines

- Preference given to surgeons early in their careers, preferably within 10 years of completion of training and no prior visitation to US centers.
- Applicant must be engaged in the practice of general pediatric surgery
- Must live outside the United States and Canada
- Must practice in a resource-poor region of the world
- Should show dedication to leadership in the care of children in the region
- Must be proficient in English. The committee reserves the right to interview the applicant.
- Must be able to attend the next calendar APSA Annual Meeting
- Cannot be an APSA member
- Applicant has not received international fellowship sponsorship support in the past
Supporting Documentation
All applications must be submitted online via the APSA website and include the following documentation:

- Verification of medical school completion
- Verification of surgical training in adult and pediatric surgery. Verification should include:
  - Letter from training director in adult surgery with training dates and director’s contact information
  - Letter from training director in pediatric surgery with training dates and director’s contact information
- Curriculum vitae, including:
  - Date of birth
  - Training dates and locations/institutions
  - Bibliography with a list of publications, abstracts, book chapters, oral presentations at congresses (specify if applicant is the primary author, marked with *, or senior author marked with **). Include titles, all authors, journal name, year, volume and pages; meeting name and date. Avoid articles pending or in-press.
  - Honors/awards received
  - All fellowships received, including name and year
  - All previous conferences attended, including location and year
- Applicant’s personal statement indicating personal, professional, long- and short-term goals, career objectives and how this fellowship will impact his or her career, home institution and patients. Statement should not exceed one page in length.
- A letter of recommendation from the head of the department of surgery at the applicant’s hospital
- A letter of recommendation from their APSA member sponsor, describing the kind of support the member will provide to the applicant during and after the meeting.
- A letter of recommendation from the head of the department of surgery at the applicant’s hospital
- Copy of applicant’s current licensure
- Verification of board certification in pediatric surgery, if applicable
- Jpg file of applicant’s photograph

Responsibilities of the Supporting APSA Member
- Help arrange transportation, along with APSA staff, to and from the country of origin
- Aid in preparation of APSA presentation at the meeting
- Serve as host at the APSA meeting to ensure the recipient can take full advantage of the meeting
- Can make arrangements for any additional time at hospitals for clinical observership or training courses in the United States. APSA does not provide funding or travel arrangements for this additional expense.
- Can secure additional support to provide further training or program development after the fellow’s return to their home country.

Selection Process
- Application Deadline – March 15
- Committee review, evaluation and recommendation – APSA Annual Meeting
- Selection by APSA Board of Governors – June 30
- Notification – July 31
- Recipient Confirmation of Acceptance – August 31

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