

**CALL FOR APPLICATION:
APSS MIRACLUS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 2020**

Deadline for application: **30th April 2020**

This is a new fellowship programme sponsored by Miraclus in collaboration with the APSS. It offers a unique opportunity to interact with and learn from renowned spine surgeons in the Asia Pacific region.

Two (2) fellowships will be awarded. Each fellow will spend **3 weeks** in a spine centre of excellence in the Asia Pacific Region, commencing on **17th August to 5th September 2020**.

Economy air travel (round trip), accommodation, airport transfer at host centres, and allowance will be provided. 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 an 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. 2019 Spine logbook**

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 **30th April 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 – Fellowship of APSS.
2. The applicant with the **highest scores** would be selected for the fellowship. The remaining spot would be offered to an **applicant from developing chapters** with the **highest scores**.
3. **Successful applicants from unique (non-repeating) country or chapter** will be selected for each 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. Applicant's interests specified in the application form will also determine the spine centre of excellence that the fellow will be assigned to.
6. Applicants will be eligible for **only one** fellowship awards from the applied programmes.
7. Successful applicants chosen for the fellowship award **must subscribe to APSS Life Membership** if he/she has yet to subscribe to APSS Life Membership.