



Bone & Joint/EFORT Travelling Fellowship (BJJ/EFORT TF)

I. Introduction

The Bone & Joint/EFORT Travelling Fellowship (BJJ/EFORT TF) is a new venture, initiated and funded by the British Editorial Society of Bone and Joint Surgery (BESBJS) and supported by the European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology (EFORT) and the British Orthopaedic Association (BOA).

Every year three young orthopaedic surgeons will be selected to spend two weeks visiting orthopaedic centres of excellence in either the UK or mainland Europe, culminating in attendance at either the EFORT or BOA Congresses. It is envisaged that four centres will be visited. At each centre the Fellows will learn about the specialty work of that unit and will participate in clinical conferences and presentations.

For a senior trainee or a newly-qualified consultant, it will provide an excellent opportunity to broaden clinical experience, to make important professional contacts and to gain experience in presenting their own work and opinions in an international setting.

For the orthopaedic centres involved, it will provide a welcome stimulus, an opportunity to develop and strengthen ties with surgeons and centres in other countries, and an opportunity to raise the profile of the unit concerned.

For the sponsoring bodies it represents a high profile example of their educational and training roles, and an opportunity for Bone & Joint to promote its activities.

II. Details

The Fellowships will alternate from being UK-based and European mainland-based. Thus, in 2014 three European mainland-based surgeons will be selected to travel to three centres in the UK (London, Edinburgh and Nottingham), ending at the combined BOA/EFORT Congress in London to be held from 4 to 6 June, 2014.

Fellows must be 40 years of age or less at time of start of fellowship. They may be consultants, post-certification surgeons or senior trainees. They will be selected on the basis of a personal letter of application, curriculum vitae and letters of recommendation from two orthopaedic surgeons. The Selection Committee will be looking for evidence of a strong academic and research background, and for surgeons who will be good ambassadors for their centres and countries.

Fellows will be expected to prepare three short presentations of original work that they can deliver at the centres they visit. On their return, they will also be expected to collaborate to prepare an account of their trip, which will be published by Bone and Joint and also on the EFORT portal.

In recognition of the role of BESBJS in the funding of this Fellowship, European Fellows coming to the UK will start their trip with a visit to the Journal office in London. Similarly, UK Fellows will be invited to attend a reception hosted by Bone & Joint at the EFORT Congress.

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Cost of travel and accommodation will be met by BESBJS (see below). Fellows will be responsible for the cost of their meals and incidental expenses.

III. Hosting centres

These should be orthopaedic units with a reputation for innovative and interesting work, a commitment to teaching and training, and a willingness to host three European Fellows for two working days. These centres are likely to change from year to year. It will be the responsibility of members of the Committee to seek and invite appropriate centres well in advance of the Fellowship. Whilst the programmes will naturally differ from centre to centre, it is suggested that each visit should include observation of clinical and operative work, a clinical conference or demonstration, and an opportunity for both Fellows and hosts to present papers. There should be three hosting centres/fellowship.

The hosting centres will, in cooperation with B & J and EFORT organise clinical sessions and operative demonstrations (e.g. live surgeries), lectures and social meetings for the group. The duration in each hosting centre depends on the total time of the fellowship and the total number of hosting centres.

IV. Funding

The British Editorial Society of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery will provide £10,000 per annum to fund the Fellowships. The sum is intended to cover

1. economy class rail / air travel from the Fellows' home to start of the tour and return
2. all economy class travel during the tour
3. all accommodation during tour.

Registration fees for the Congress that completes the itinerary will be waived by the respective bodies.

Fellows will be responsible for travel arrangements from home to start of tour and from end of tour back home. The cost of these will be reimbursed by BESBJS provided that travel is reasonable and properly documented and expenses have been approved for BESBJS prior to booking. Fellows will also be responsible for ensuring that they have adequate travel insurance to cover cancellations.

V. Application Process

Invitations to apply for the Fellowship will be placed on the Bone & Joint website, in the JBJS and B&J³⁶⁰, and on the EFORT website eight to nine months prior to the Fellowship. Applicants are invited to submit their application electronically including a full CV, letters of recommendation from two established orthopaedic surgeons, and a personal letter stating why the applicant is applying and why they should be considered. These submissions will be collated by the EFORT administrative office and distributed to members of the Evaluation Committee for ranking and ultimate selection.

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