

## **Instructions and advice for applicants to BOA 2019 Travelling Fellowships**

Please note some details of the application process and also the terms and conditions have been updated for 2019 (see <https://www.boa.ac.uk/learning-and-events/fellowships-awards/travelling-fellowships.html>). **All applicants should read the terms and conditions and application form carefully as well as this document.**

### ***General background***

The BOA endeavours to provide exceptional educational training opportunities for its members throughout each stage of their careers.

Every year, the BOA offers a number of Travelling Fellowships to its members. These fellowships offer a unique opportunity to visit overseas centres of excellence to gain knowledge, experience and a different cultural perspective within trauma and orthopaedic surgery.

In 2019, we will award at least 13 fellowships, allocated on merit to current BOA Home Associates or SAS Surgeons.

We are grateful to the fellowship sponsors this year, as follows:

- Zimmer Biomet (8 fellowships)
- Heraeus (1 fellowship on infection in memory of Andrew Sprowson)
- Mr Singhal

We also recognise the endowments set up through donations or bequests from past members Mr Soli Lam and Mr Chatterjee.

### ***Who can apply?***

Applicants must be current BOA Home Associates or SAS Surgeons in good standing. Candidates can only be considered if they are BOA members and are currently up-to-date with their membership subscription fees.

Please ensure you have read the terms and conditions about eligibility, funding and claiming funds.

### ***How do I apply and what are the timelines?***

Please email a completed application form, your CV and a letter of recommendation from your TPD to [policy@boa.ac.uk](mailto:policy@boa.ac.uk) by noon on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

Your application will be reviewed by a panel of BOA advisors to produce a shortlist of applicants who will be interviewed.

Online interviews will take place on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**, and final funding decisions will then be made.

Successful applicants will be notified by the end of June, and the fellowship should take place within 10 months.

### ***What amounts are available?***

#### *Fellowship 'in full'*

- Our three largest fellowship funds are for up to **£15,000** each:



- The Soli Lam Spinal fellowship is specifically for a spinal fellowship
- Two other fellowships (the Soli Lam General and Chatterjee Fellowships) can be in any subspecialty field
- These fund the fellowship proposed in full.
- The top scoring spinal application will receive the Soli Lam Spinal fellowship, with the two overall highest scoring applicants receiving the Soli Lam General fellowship and the Chatterjee fellowship.
- Applicants can specify the total expected cost of their fellowship, up to the maximum of £15,000. These fellowships can be awarded at below the maximum of £15,000. Unspent funds roll forward to future years.

#### *Contribution fellowship*

- We have six fellowships to award at a value of **£2,500**, and four at a value of **£1,500**.
- Further fellowships of £2500/£1500 may be funded by the BOA depending on the quality of applications.
- These fellowships usually contribute towards total fellowship costs, but for smaller scale fellowship proposals they may fund the costs in full.
- Zimmer Biomet fellowships will be awarded in the fields of: Trauma, Reconstructive Lower limb (hips, knees, foot and ankle) and Reconstructive Upper limb (shoulder, elbow and wrist)
- The Heraeus/Andrew Sprowson fellowship will be awarded in the field of infection.
- The Singhal and BOA fellowships will fund applications across all specialties.
- These funds will be awarded to the top scoring applications based on merit.

The application form will ask applicants to indicate which level(s) of funding they wish to be considered for. Candidates will be responsible for finding or funding additional costs, where the BOA provides only contribution funding.

#### ***What does the fellowship funding cover?***

The fellowship award will cover flights, accommodation and certain other costs of taking part in a fellowship. Please refer to the Travelling Fellowship Terms and Conditions for more information on what costs are eligible. These also provide an explanation about how you claim the funds awarded, and how and when reimbursement takes place.

#### ***How should I prepare my fellowship proposal?***

In your application, we expect to see that you have identified a host unit, a host supervisor and a likely duration for your fellowship. In your application you will need to explain how this particular fellowship will benefit you and what you hope to achieve from it, and detail the potential wider benefits to patients, the profession and the BOA.

The application form asks for expected costs of undertaking your fellowship, so you will need to have researched flight and accommodation costs.

#### ***Further information***

Please direct any queries to our Policy and Programmes team at [policy@boa.ac.uk](mailto:policy@boa.ac.uk).