

**The Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons
and
The Hong Kong Orthopaedic Association
WPOA-HK Fellowship Schemes**

Introduction

In 1995, the triennial meeting of the Western Pacific Orthopaedic Association (WPOA) was held in Hong Kong. The meeting was extremely successful and as a result funds were set aside to support a number of WPOA-HK initiatives.

Recently a WPOA-HK management committee has been set up to help manage these funds and administer the fellowships. The available fellowship positions are listed below:

A) Incoming Fellowships

WPOA-HK Senior Travelling Fellowship (one per year)

The aim of this fellowship / visiting professorship is to sponsor prominent Orthopaedic surgeons from the former WPOA member countries to spend one week in Hong Kong to lecture / run workshops / demonstrate surgeries and to visit 3-4 Orthopaedic units.

A reception will be held in the senior fellow's honor, and a certificate will be presented.

Every year, invitations will be made by the management committee to Orthopaedic departments and organizations in Hong Kong to nominate suitable candidates for consideration by the Management Committee. Such nominations should include a letter of support stating the host department / society / hospital, together with the proposed senior fellow's CV (short) and a provisional program. The named **WPOA-HK Senior Travelling Fellow** should visit a number of different hospitals. The final decision rests with the management committee.

Maximum sponsorship is HK\$40,000.-

Budget for reception is HK\$10,000.-

B) Outgoing Candidates

I WPOA Residents Travelling Scholarship (one per year)

The aim of this scholarship is to support Hong Kong Orthopaedic residents to attend the APOA biennial congresses or annual sectional meetings.

Each year, residents will be invited to submit an application to the Management Committee for selection. Preference will be given to trainees and those with accepted oral presentations at such meetings.

The maximum sponsorship is HK\$15,000.-

II WPOA Senior Travelling Fellowship (one per year)

The aim of this fellowship is to support prominent Orthopaedic surgeons in Hong Kong to visit and lecture in a WPOA country. The management committee will liaise with sister Orthopaedic societies and arrange the program, and to invite appropriate local experts to join.

The program aims to enhance and promote transfer of knowledge, surgical skill, research and education of Orthopaedics and Traumatology within the WPOA region, and to highlight the roles that Hong Kong Orthopaedic Surgeons have to play in the development of Orthopaedics regionally and globally.

Maximum sponsorship is HK\$40,000.-

III WPOA Rehabilitation Travelling Scholarship (two per year)

The aim of this travelling scholarship is to enhance the training of rehabilitation trainees Hong Kong by providing them with opportunities to renowned rehab centres around the globe (not restricted to Asia Pacific region).

Invitations for applications will be sent to rehab trainees annually.

The maximum sponsorship is HK\$25,000.-

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Regulations

Travelling scholarship is managed by the WPOA-HK Management Committee. There will be 2 selection rounds per years.

Mid April: for events taking place from 1st July to 31 December

Mid October: for events taking place from 1st January to 30th June.

It takes 4 to 6 weeks after the closing date for the Committee to complete the selection process and to notify the successful applicants.

Selection Criteria and Rules

The Committee will first evaluate whether the proposed event is appropriately match the fellowship schemes. The final decision vests with the Committee.

Claims and Payment

Receipted claims have to be supported by original documents: air ticket, tour agent receipt and hotel receipt on the following expenses:

1. Economy return air ticket and airport tax
2. Hotel (room charge and tax only)
3. Conference/meeting registration fees

Payment will be made if the Honorary Secretary receives and acceptable report accompanied by a copy of the Certificate of Attendance if available, and the original documents to support the receipted claims, within 30 days from the last day of the meeting. Payment will be forfeited if these rules are not strictly adhered to.

Announcement:

To be advertised in the HKOA & HKCOS website at least one month prior to the closing dates.

Application:

Applicants must be an Orthopaedic surgeon/trainee on the day the application close.

Applicants must submit the following to Committee

1. A completed standard application form.
2. Preliminary program pamphlet about the proposed conference/ meeting
3. A brief CV (detailing qualifications with dates, work experience including position and subspecialties with dates, and any other relevant information concerning your professional career development and achievement).

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Applicant's Name: _____(Chinese) _____

Correspondence Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Mobile Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Fax Number: _____

Scholarship Applied for:

Please specify the name of specific scholarship: _____

In the event that I am not allocated this specific scholarship, I would like to be considered for the standard scholarship as detailed below:

Name of Proposed Event: _____

(Please enclose a preliminary program)

Location (City, Country): _____ Starting to end dates: _____

Declaration

By the starting date of the proposed event, I have served in the Orthopaedic specialty, in either the public hospital sector or in private practice, in the capacity of a registered medical practitioner for _____(Integral number) completed years, as detailed in my enclosed CV*. (Non-Orthopaedic service NOT counted. Internship/Externship NOT counted)

You must attach a CV detailing your qualifications with dates, work experience including position, sub-specialty etc, with dates and any other relevant information concerning your professional career development and achievement.

I understand that any dishonesty or false representation, both on this application form and the information contained in my CV, will lead to disqualification.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Members will consist of:

2 representatives from WPOA 1995 Limited

2 representatives from HKOA

2 representatives from HKCOS

Current memberships are:

John Leong, SP Chow & Dicky Lam ~ WPOA 1995 Limited

Bobby Ng & S T Ho ~ HKOA

James Cheng & Sally Cheng ~ HKCOS

WPOA 1995 Member Countries:

Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand.

Applications for out-going or in-coming visitations to countries not included in the original WPOA member country list may be possible, but is subject to the discretion of the management committee.