**UK Travelling Fellowship Scheme**

**Application Form**

**23 May – 3 June 2022**

**Who is eligible to apply for the UK Travelling Fellowships?**

1. Surgeons with an interest in hand surgery.
2. Specialist trainee (surgeon in training, including senior fellows) or Consultant hand surgeon (or equivalent) within three years of independent practice.

**What should be included with your application?**

1. Complete this application form.
2. Two letters of reference supporting your application.

**Who is an appropriate referee?**

1. Senior colleagues with whom you have trained or worked with in the last three years.
2. Head of Department, Consultant colleague (or equivalent) or Supervisor.

**Letter of reference guidance:**

1. Should be completed on headed paper from the referees’ institution or hospital.
2. Files must be saved as Microsoft Word or PDF as: [First name] [Last name] Fellowship Reference.
3. Details of the applicant’s progress and achievements in hand surgery to date.
4. Details of how the fellowship is expected to benefit the applicant.
5. Details of how the applicant will apply their fellowship learning in their future career.

**Where should the completed applications and letters of reference be sent?**

1. Applications Format: Microsoft Word or PDF

File name: [First name] [Last name] Fellowship Application

 Email: fellowship@ifssh2022.com

1. References (x2) Format: Microsoft Word or PDF on headed paper

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE for applications and references is 1st October 2021 (2300 UK time)**

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| **Full Name** |  |  |
| **Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)** |  |  |
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| **Current Surgical Position (including training grade)** |  |  |
| **Surgical specialty (e.g. plastics)** |  |  |
| **Current Institution/Hospital** |  |  |
| **City** |  |  |
| **Country** |  |  |
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| **Home Address** |  |  |
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| **Do you have a contact in hand surgery, or a preferred hospital you wish to visit in the UK?** **[Please note, requests cannot be guaranteed]** |  |  |
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| **Detail any areas of hand surgery specialist interest (e.g. peripheral nerve injury, congenital, arthroplasty, wrist, microsurgery)? 50 words maximum****[This question is not scored]** |  |  |
| **Referee 1****Name****Email** |  |  |
| **Referee 2****Name****Email** |  |  |

**Scored Questions**

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| **Q1. Discuss why you are applying for this fellowship (maximum 200 words).** Please include:* Why you wish to visit the United Kingdom (specific to hand surgery).
* What you hope to gain or achieve from your fellowship.
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| **Q2. If you are awarded the fellowship, please describe the impact it would have in your country (250 words maximum).** Please include: * How the fellowship will likely affect your surgical service.
* Details of who, apart from yourself, will benefit.
* Details of how you will share your UK experiences when you return to your country.
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| **Q3. Summarise your personal statement (maximum 200 words).**Please include:* Experience within hand surgery to date.
* Stage of career and suitability for the fellowship.
* Motivations for pursuing a career in hand surgery.
* Future or career goals.
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| **Q4. Summarise your CV (maximum 200 words).**Please include your greatest achievements to date (clinical, academic, teaching, leadership, management, other). |
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**Grant Assistance: Optional**

A small number of fellowship grants will be made available to those applicants most in need of financial assistance during their stay in the UK. This could range from discounted registration to partial or full sponsorship of travel and accommodation.

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| **If you’d like to apply for these funds please include your reasons and how the funding will influence your ability to complete the fellowship (maximum 100 words).**Disclosure of personal financial circumstances is not required. |
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**If you are successful in your application you will be asked to write a report summarizing your experience after the congress. This report may be published by the IFSSH or member organisations.**