



### **SO.F.C.O.T. AWARDS FELLOWSHIP GRANTS**

Starting with the December 2012 session, fellowship grants will be 20 000€/year for French candidates, likewise for foreign candidates coming to France. For fellowships outside the European Union, the stipend will be 22 000€/year to compensate for travelling expenses.

#### **For French candidates**

All applications for fellowship grants **MUST** be fully completed and received by SOFCOT within the published deadlines. The SOFCOT bureau reserves the right to award grants after examining submitted applications, there being a ceiling for the total amount of grants awarded each year.

Only one grant can be awarded per candidate; applications are examined with priority by order of reception.

**More information:** <http://www.sofcot.fr/01-sofcot/bourses.asp>



## SO.F.C.O.T GRANTS

**Stipend:** 10 000 € (6 months) or 20 000 € (1 year) in Europe /11 000 € (6 months) or 22 000 € (1 year) outside the EU.

**Each year**, SOFCOT provides financial assistance for young French orthopaedic surgeons undertaking fellowships in foreign countries.

Required academic level: chief resident or last year of specialist training. Grants are awarded for 6-month or 1-year fellowships.

For fellowships outside the European Union, the stipend will be 22 000€/year to compensate for travelling expenses.

**Applications are examined every 6 months on June 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications must be received by SOFCOT at least 6 months before the planned fellowship.**

Applications are made to SOFCOT. Applications **MUST** include the following:

1. acceptance letter from the host Department Head
2. candidate's complete curriculum vitae
3. letter from the sponsoring SOFCOT member
4. SOFCOT junior membership
5. résumé of scientific work to be presented to the host Department
6. detailed plan for travel to the host country, including desired accommodations
7. work project
8. financial plan for travel and stay (other than grant awarded by SOFCOT) including other financial aid requested or received, salary, grants from other Societies, other revenues
9. contribution as author or co-author to a SOFCOT (or daughter) congress, or publication of an article as author or co-author to the *Revue de Chirurgie Orthopédique*

Candidates agree to send a report of their fellowship and work to SOFCOT (6 typewritten pages + illustrations). Candidates must also submit a contribution to the SOFCOT congress and/or work for publication within one year after completing their fellowship.

Grant recipients and stipends are determined by the SOFCOT bureau. Grants do not comprise taxable income in that they correspond to complementary training and do not comprise remuneration for work accomplished. The first payment will be 80% of the stipend, the remaining 20% being paid at reception of the report received within 6 months after completing the fellowship.

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## SO.F.C.O.T MASTER GRANTS

**Stipend: 20 000 € (1 year) in Europe / 22 000 € (1 year) outside the EU**  
Grants are awarded each year to French students who are junior members of SOFCOT undertaking a Masters diploma (excluding research year training with salary).

Applications must include:

1. curriculum vitae
2. letter from the sponsoring SOFCOT member
3. Masters degree programme (including the title of the Masters degree, University delivering the diploma, title of the research project, partners and acceptance letter from the Department Head)
4. Acceptance letter from the Department Head
5. Financial plan (personal + work project) (other financial support expected or received:  
salary, grants from other Societies, other revenue...)

SOFCOT provides funding for the candidate's salary and the scientific project in cooperation with the host Department. The candidate agrees to provide SOFCOT with a copy of the Masters thesis and the summary for publication in *BOF*, and also, after completing the work, to submit a publication to the *Revue de Chirurgie Orthopédique* or *OTSR*, official organ of the SOFCOT. The final 20% of the grant will be paid after reception by SOFCOT of the proof of submission to *RCOT* or *OTSR*.

Grant funding must be mentioned in any other publication.

Applications are examined no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Grants cannot be attributed retroactively.

**More information:** <http://www.sofcot.fr/01-sofcot/bourses.asp>



## **SO.F.C.O.T / EFORT GRANTS**

**SOFCOT** Grant to attend the EFORT Congress

**Stipend: 2000 €**

Prerequisites: oral presentation or e-poster accepted for the EFORT Congress and age less than 40 years. Application must be filed at least 3 months before the EFORT Congress.

**EFORT Travelling Fellowships**

Each year, EFORT organises two Travelling Fellowships, one in the spring and one in the fall. Applications are made via SOFCOT and then referred to EFORT for selection. SOFCOT funds travel from France to the host country. The remainder of the travelling and housing expenses are financed by the National Society sponsoring the Travelling Fellowship. EFORT contributes a symbolic participation (300 €).

**More information:** <http://www.sofcot.fr/01-sofcot/bourses.asp>



## **SO.F.C.O.T APCORT Travelling Fellowships**

### **Stipend: 5000 €**

This fellowship is for French surgeons in training aged less than 40 years with an original article published in English in *OTSR*: a first 2500 € is followed by a second 2500 € when the article has been accepted by the Editorial Board. Applications through APCORT (56 rue Boissonade - 75014 Paris) - email: [sofcot@sofcot.fr](mailto:sofcot@sofcot.fr).

Applications should include the candidate's curriculum vitae, the detailed travelling plans including the acceptance letters from the host Department Head, the title of the proposed article to be submitted to *OTSR* at the end of the fellowship, and an explanatory letter linking the planned article with the travel. Applications must be received by APCORT no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> for travel planned for November to April or December 1<sup>st</sup> for travel planned for May to October.

**For all candidates (French and foreign)**

**More information:** <http://www.sofcot.fr/01-sofcot/bourses.asp>



### **SO.F.C.O.T / AFMO GRANT**

**Stipend: 10 000 € (6 months) or 20 000 € (1 year) in Europe /11 000 € (6 months) or 22 000 € (1 year) outside the EU.**

Each year the AFMO (*Association Française pour le Matériel d'Ostéosynthèse*) funds one or two **Master** grants for work with a main topic directly related to implantable material (osteosynthesis or prosthesis). Application forms, deadlines, and selection criteria are the same as mentioned above for regular SOFCOT grants.

Applications are accepted by the AFMO representative in collaboration with SOFCOT. AFMO grants cannot be awarded to SOFCOT grant recipients.

**More information:** <http://www.sofcot.fr/01-sofcot/bourses.asp>



### **SO.F.C.O.T EUROPEAN GRANTS Franco-European exchanges**

**Stipend : 2 000 € (2 weeks)**

SOF.COT awards European grants so that young orthopaedic surgeons can visit one or more orthopaedic departments in leading European centres. Study period: two weeks, at one or more sites. Candidates are invited to contact their Department Head to find host departments (an acceptance letter from the host Department is required).

The purpose of the European Grant is to favour exchange between French and European centres and create links between French orthopaedists and their European colleagues. Applications are made in December and June. The stipend is 2000 € for 2 weeks.

**For foreign candidates**

**More information:** <http://www.sofcot.fr/01-sofcot/bourses.asp>





## **SO.F.C.O.T GRANTS**

**Stipend: 10 000 € (6 months) or 20 000 € (1 year)**

SOFCOT awards financial assistance to facilitate the stay of young orthopaedic surgeons in France.

**Required academic level:** current specialist qualification training or qualified surgeon. Candidates must be under 40 years of age. Grants are awarded for a maximum period of 12 months. Candidates may participate in care activities, depending on the regulations of the host institution.

**Applications are examined every 6 months on June 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications must be received by SOFCOT at least 6 months before the planned stay.**

Applications are sent to SOFCOT and **MUST** include the following:

1. complete curriculum vitae
2. letter from the sponsoring Department Head
3. affidavit of capacity in French delivered by the Cultural Service of the French Embassy
4. detailed plan of stay, including desired accommodations
5. work project
6. acceptance letter from the host Department Head, a SOFCOT member who agrees to welcome the candidate within the framework of a scientific project planned to lead to a publication or a SOFCOT contribution.
7. financial plan (expected or received funding other than the SOFCOT grant)

Candidates agree to send a report of their fellowship and work to SOFCOT (6 typewritten pages + illustrations). Grant recipients and stipends are determined by the SOFCOT bureau. Grants do not comprise taxable income in that they correspond to complementary training and do not comprise remuneration for work accomplished. The first payment will be 80% of the stipend, the remaining 20% being paid at reception of the report.

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## **SO.F.C.O.T CONGRESS GRANTS**

### **Stipend 500 € + free access to the SOFCOT congress**

Ten 500 € grants plus free access to the congress are awarded each year to foreign surgeons. Candidates may receive only one SOFCOT congress grant.

#### **Prerequisites:**

1. age under 40 years at the start of the Congress and residence outside France
2. application received by SOFCOT 4 months before the Congress including:
  - curriculum vitae
  - letter of recommendation from a SOFCOT member with the same nationality
  - 3-page résumé written in French detailing outstanding work, different from thesis

Access to the SOFCOT Congress is free for official grant recipients, including:

1. recipients of grants awarded by the French government residing in France
2. recipients of grants awarded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3. recipients of grants awarded by the French College of Medicine
4. recipients of grants awarded by SOFCOT

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## **SO.F.C.O.T EXCHANGES PROGRAMMES**

Residents and chief residents may participate in exchange programmes:

1. Between French-speaking Canada and French-speaking countries in Europe. Each year, France, Belgium and Switzerland welcome two fellows from Canada; French-speaking Canada welcomes one fellow from France and one fellow from Belgium or Switzerland (alternating). Interested candidates should send their curriculum vitae to SOFCOT.
2. In addition, every two years the Belgium Societies (SO.B.C.O.T. and B.V.O.T.) award 4 fellowships in France for Belgians. These fellowships take place in France together with the Canadian fellowships mentioned above.
3. For France - Japan exchanges, contact A.F.J.O.:  
Pr. Philippe Merloz, CHRU de Grenoble, Service Orthopédie, BP 217X, 38043 Grenoble Cedex
4. For France - Germany exchanges, contact Pierre Henky:  
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