



Mark Paterson Travelling Fellowship (supported by BJJ and EFORT)

I. Introduction

The Mark Paterson Travelling Fellowship (supported by BJJ and EFORT) (ex-BJJ-EFORT TF) is initiated and funded by The British Editorial Society of Bone & 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 EFORT or BOA Congresses. It is envisaged that three 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 fellowship will alternate from being UK-based and European mainland-based.

Fellows must be less than 40 years of age at the time of the beginning 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 Evaluation 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 their work that they can present at the centres they visit. Once the fellowship is over, they will also be expected to collaborate to prepare one common report of the fellowship, which will be published by Bone and Joint and EFORT.



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.

Cost of travel and accommodation will be covered by BESBJS. However, fellows will be responsible for the cost of their meals and incidental expenses.

III. Hosting centres

Hosting centres 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/three working days. These centres are changed from year to another. It will be the responsibility of the Fellowship 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 per fellowship.

The hosting centres will, in cooperation with BESBJS and EFFORT, 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 availability of the hosting centres.

IV. Funding

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

1. Economy class rail / air travel from the start and end of the fellowship
2. All economy class travel during the fellowship
3. All accommodation during the fellowship.

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. However, the cost of these expenses can 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.

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V. Application Process

Invitations to apply for the Fellowship will be placed on the Bone & Joint as well as on the EFORT websites respectively 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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