



Mark Paterson Travelling Fellowship (supported by BJJ and EFORT)

I. Introduction

The Mark Paterson Travelling Fellowship (supported by *The Bone & Joint Journal* and EFORT) 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).

In 2018, the Aims and Rules of the Fellowship were revised and it was decided the following:

Every second year three young European (incl. the UK and Northern Ireland) orthopaedic surgeons will be selected to spend two weeks visiting orthopaedic centres of excellence across Europe, ideally culminating in an attendance at EFORT Annual Congress. 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

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 in the fields of orthopaedics and traumatology. 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 *The Bone & Joint Journal* and EFORT.



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

III. Host centres

Host 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.

The EFORT Visiting and Travelling Fellowships Chair will propose destination countries and once the host centres are identified, EFORT HO will send out official invitations to potential hosts. By default, there should be three host centres per 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.

Ideally, the programme in each host centre should include clinical sessions and operative demonstrations (e.g. live surgeries), lectures and social programme/meetings for the fellows.

The duration in each host centre depends on the total time of the fellowship and availability of the host centres but it is envisaged two/three working days per host centre.

IV. Funding

The British Editorial Society of Bone & Joint Surgery will provide a funding of £10,000 per fellowship. The sum is intended to cover the fellows the following:

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 EFORT Annual Congress that completes the itinerary will be waived by EFORT.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE! Fellows will be responsible for their 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 by BESBJS prior to booking.

Fellows will also be responsible to approve that their travel and health insurances are up-to-date,



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:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Two letters of recommendation from two established orthopaedic surgeons and they should be issued within the last 12 months
- Motivation letter stating why the applicant is applying and why they should be considered

These submissions will be collected by the EFORT HO and distributed to the members of the Evaluation Committee for ranking and ultimate selection.

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