

CALL FOR APPLICATION:
APSS DEPUY SYNTHES [TRAVELLING](#) AND [CLINICAL](#) FELLOWSHIPS 2018
Deadline for application: **1st January 2018**

APSS DePuy Synthes Spine [Travelling](#) Fellowships 2018

Eight (8) fellowships will be awarded. The fellows will be divided into 2 groups. Each group will visit spine centers of excellence in 3 countries in the Asia Pacific Region. The duration of the Fellowship will be **3 weeks**, commencing on **17th May to 6th June 2018**. The end of this fellowship will coincide with the APSS 2018 Annual Meeting, Taiwan, 7th to 10th June 2018.

The top **two (2) fellows** will be screened and selected by the Council to be offered the opportunity to participate in the exchange programme of **APSS SICOT Spine Fellowship**. The duration of the Fellowship will be **3 weeks**, set between the host and fellow between **September and October 2018**.

APSS DePuy Synthes Spine [Clinical](#) Fellowship 2018

Three (3) fellowships will be awarded. Each fellow will spend **3 weeks** in a spine center of excellence in the Asia Pacific Region, commencing on **17th May to 6th June 2018**. This is a unique opportunity to interact with and learn from renowned spine surgeons in the Asia Pacific region. The end of this fellowship will coincide with the APSS 2018 Annual Meeting, Taiwan, 7th to 10th June 2018.

Guidelines and Criteria for Application

- APSS member (previously known as “a member of Spine Section of the APOA”). **Please submit proof of payment for the APOA membership + Spine Section membership if you are not a member yet.**
- Age 45 years or less.
- Must communicate effectively in English and have a legal status to go abroad.
- Have a university level of degree or country equivalent.
- Applicant when submitting this application **MUST** be at this point to be active in spine practice (at least 50% workload should be on spine surgery).
- Not a previous recipient of the APSS Fellowship.

Documents Required for Application

When submitting your application, please include:

1. Fellowship application form
2. Brief curriculum vitae (not more than 4 pages) specifying: -
 - a. Qualifications (including degree(s), institution (s) and years)
 - i. Basic Medical Degree
 - ii. Postgraduate Orthopaedic Education (e.g. FRCS Orth, MS Orth and etc.)
 - iii. Spine Fellowship/ Attachment(s) – date and duration
 - b. Present appointment(s)
 - c. Publication/ Oral presentation/ Poster and etc.
 - d. Duration of experience in spine surgery
3. Scanned copies of certificates and qualifications.
4. Recommended letter from 2 referees (APSS council members, Heads of Departments (of Spine or Orthopaedics), and Presidents of Local Spine and Orthopaedic Societies).
5. Scanned passport size photograph in JPEG file.
6. Scanned copy of passport – with at least 6 months validity.
7. 1 abstract related to spine of not more than 300 words. This abstract will be used for presentation in our next APSS meeting as well as during the fellowship.
8. Selection criteria form
9. 2017 Spine logbook

Economy air travel (round trip), accommodation, airport transfer at host centres and allowance will be covered by APSS. Successful applicants will be given assistance towards securing their air tickets and accommodation. The fellows are responsible for obtaining and payment of visa and visa fees respectively, as well as for their health and travel insurance. APSS will not reimburse visa fees, health and travel insurance.

Kindly submit your complete application to spine@apssonline.org by filling up the application form & selection criteria form, and submitting the required documents stated. For more information, please visit www.apssonline.org .

The **closing date** for receipt of completed application is **1st January 2018**.

SELECTION PROCESS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

1. All applicants would **compete equally** based on the **selection criteria scores** as well as the **complete documents** submitted. The selection will be made by the Education Committee of APSS.
2. **Six (6) applicants** with the **highest scores** would be selected for **APSS DePuy Synthes Travelling Fellowship**. The **top two (2) fellows** will be screened and selected by the APSS Council to be offered the opportunity to participate in the **exchange programme of APSS SICOT Spine Fellowship**.
3. **Two (2) applicants** with the **highest scores** would be selected for **APSS DePuy Synthes Clinical Fellowship**.
4. The remaining **two (2) spots of APSS DePuy Synthes Travelling Fellowship**; and **one (1) spot of APSS DePuy Synthes Clinical Fellowship** would be offered to **applicants from developing chapters**.
5. **Successful applicants from unique (non-repeating) country or chapter** will be selected for the fellowship awards. The rule of not awarding the fellowship to more than one applicant from the same chapter applies in this fellowship selection. One-time selection will be made for the fellowship programmes to benefit more applicants from different chapters of APSS.