

APFSSH Advanced Training Program

Objective:

To provide financial support for hand surgeons to enhance their skills in specialized surgical areas, foster international collaboration, and improve patient care in their regions.

Target:

- **Recipients:** Two hand surgeons per year.
- **Eligible Courses:** Specialized courses offering advanced training in areas such as brachial plexus surgery, microsurgery, congenital hand surgery, arthroscopy, and related fields.
- **Eligibility:** Surgeons requiring financial assistance to attend these courses.

Funding:

- USD \$1,000 per candidate.

Selection Criteria:

- **Age:** No limitation
- **Eligibility:** Member or Associate Member of APFSSH member society
- **Professional Background:** Practicing hand surgeons with a demonstrated interest or specialization in the course topic.
- **Personal Statement:** Candidates must submit a statement outlining:
 - Their career goals.
 - How the course will benefit their institution and community.
 - Their plan for applying the knowledge and skills gained from the course.
- **Recommendation Letter:** A letter from his/ her Society attesting to the candidate's skills, dedication, potential impact, and legitimacy of the application.

Application Deadline:

- **Application Rounds:** Two rounds per year:
 - **First Round:** 1 December to 31 May.
 - **Second Round:** 1 June to 30 November.
- **Selection Process:**
 - One candidate is selected in each round.
 - If no applications are received by 31 May, two candidates will be selected in the second round.
- **Submission:** Applications must reach the APFSSH Education Committee by:
 - 31 May (for the first round).
 - 30 November (for the second round).

Post-course Obligations:

After completing the course, recipients are required to:

- Submit a written report detailing their experience and learnings from the course, within three months of completion of the course.

- Provide the attendance certificate issued by the course organizers, within three months of completion of the course.

Liability:

The successful candidate will indemnify the APFSSH and the Executive for any adverse events that may occur during the course of the fellowship.

Email applications:

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Application Form