ENTUK VISITING FELLOWSHIPS

VISITS OF OVERSEAS ENT SURGEONS TO THE UK

It is proposed that ENTUK contribute to a fund for Visiting Fellowships for ENT Professionals from other countries.

The purpose of these grants is to initiate or deepen collaboration between ENT Professionals and health institutions in specific resource-poor countries and their counterparts in the UK.

These grants are intended to support ENT Professionals who wish to develop a skill, acquire specialist knowledge or explore institutional collaboration in ENT surgery. Visits may include, but are not limited to, mentorships, job-shadowing, observerships, clinical attachments, CPD events and other forms of personal development.

ENTUK particularly encourages applications that explore the possibility for a future developmental or capacity-building project which leads to sustainable improvements in ENT care in the relevant country.

Applicants must demonstrate that the experience in the UK relates directly to their home country’s ENT surgical needs and/or an opportunity to obtain relevant ENT knowledge, or contribute knowledge of ENT needs or practices in their own country. Applicants will normally be expected to have already identified and agreed their visit with a UK institution and an appropriate letter of invitation must be included with the application.

ENTUK will not facilitate GMC registration or visa sponsorship for successful applicants. If the proposal includes spending time within a UK hospital, applicants must check the Trust’s own requirements for visiting their hospital before submitting an application.

It is expected that initially one Visiting Fellowship will be awarded annually. The scheme will be reviewed depending on the quality and suitability of applicants. It is proposed that the value of the Visiting Fellowship will be a maximum of two thousand pounds.

Members of the ENTUK are encouraged to stimulate applications from eligible candidates and to assist by arranging a suitable programme including a clinical attachment where this is appropriate.

It is envisaged that the Visiting Fellowship will last for 5-6 weeks and include where possible an ENTUK CPD event.
REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

1. Selection for Visiting Fellowships is made once a year. A Visiting Fellowship cannot be held concurrently with any other awards or scholarships.

2. The successful applicants will be ENT professionals who have reached the equivalent of a consultant post, but will be in the early to mid years of their career.

3. Applicants should include, within the space provided on the application form, a concise summary of no more than 750 words giving one or more examples of ways in which they have been working in their home institution to improve clinical practice for ENT diseases, what they hope to gain from the Fellowship, and indicating the way in which the Fellowship will be helpful when they return home.

4. Priority will generally be given to applicants who are not otherwise likely to be able to visit the United Kingdom.

5. Some visiting fellows may also be selected to contribute to ENTUK CPD events during the period of their visit.

6. All travel expenses to the UK at the most economical rate, accommodation and attendance at an ENTUK CPD and accommodation during your clinical attachment will be covered by the Visiting Fellowship up to a maximum of £2000. The Fellowship does not cover the expenses of any accompanying person(s).

7. At the end of the UK-based placement, Fellows will be required to submit a short report and assessment. Following the UK-based period of the Fellowship, Fellows will be expected, over a maximum of 3 months, to design and complete an audit process for an aspect of clinical practice of particular interest to them (NB as this will be conducted and completed in their home countries, no additional financial support will be available for this phase of the Fellowships). UK placement mentors will support Fellows in design and completion of their audit reports. Audit reports may be developed as journal paper submissions, abstracts for presentation and/or material for programmatic development.

8. Candidates may only apply for one ENTUK Fellowship per year. Further details and application forms are obtainable from our website. ---------------------------------
JUDGING CRITERIA

ENTUK will wish to make awards to the most suitable applicants who will be able to use their award to their own maximum benefit and, to an extent, to the benefit of ENTUK Global Health work. If no suitable applicant can be identified then the award may not be made in any given year.

In the case of this award, the judging panel will take into consideration the following criteria:

a) ENT Professionals who have reached the equivalent of a consultant post, but will be in the early to mid-years of their career.

b) Generally applicants not otherwise likely to be able to visit the United Kingdom.

c) Ability to gain from attendance and possibly contribute to an ENTUK CPD event.

d) Quality of proposal with concise summary of their interests and needs;

e) Plan for use of the Fellowship on their return home.

The judging panel will be mindful of the requirement for:

a) No concurrent awards or scholarships;

b) Letters of support from the candidate's head of department are essential;

c) A link with an ENT department in the UK (especially if evidenced by a letter of support from the UK ENTUK member named) is desirable but not essential.