

AOSpine Asia Pacific Fellowship Guidelines

As the leading global academic community for innovative education in spine care, AOSpine not only organizes courses and forums suited for different participants, but also sponsors many of our members to international, regional and national observational fellowships.

AOSpine fellowships provide the following benefits:

- Additional experience in surgical techniques for fully trained orthopaedics and neurosurgeons interested in spine surgery
- Sponsor Stipend from AOSpine
- Exposure to the professional network of AOSpine Spine Centers
- Additional clinical experience for fellows
- Obtain a fellowship certification upon completion of fellowship program

Fellowship Criteria

An AOSpine fellowship applicant must fulfill the following criteria:

- Proof of being a Medical Doctor and an orthopaedic or neurosurgery specialist
- Proof of being a current AOSpine member and an applicant with 1 full year of membership will have higher priority
- A CV including:
 - Proof of training
 - Proof of interest in Spine Surgery
- Two current reference letters:
 - At least one from an AOSpine member
 - One preferably from a senior surgeon affiliated with an institution
- Having had no similar AOSpine fellowship during the last 2 years
- Must have attended one AOSpine event within the last 2 years
- Be a graduate of a spine program or be in an orthopaedic or neurosurgery residency
- Have some previous experience on spine surgery and its related or AOTK-approved implants
- A list of publications and/or lectures written or delivered by the applicant (Preferably published at least one to two spine/orthopaedics/neurosurgery related articles in peer review journal)
- English Proficiency Test Result (e.g. IELTS, TOEFL etc.) for applicant from non-English speaking countries and apply for regional and international fellowship
- Copy of valid practicing license (if applicable)
- Preferably 45 years of age or younger

During the Fellowship

The fellow is expected to follow the daily routine of the clinic and should be available for emergencies at night and on weekends. Active participation as scrubbed assistant should be possible for long-term tenures.

Temporary leave of absence needs approval from the head of the clinic. If, for some reasons, the fellow wishes to change the placement or leave prior to completion of the allotted period, permission must be sought from the head of the clinic, and the AOSpine Regional Board.

Post Fellowship

Upon completion of fellowship, the fellow has to submit the following document within 30 days:

- Fellowship Feedback Form (with AOSpine template)
- Fellowship Operative Care Logbook (with AOSpine template)
- Fellowship Report (About 500 words with 3 – 4 photos to be posted on AOSpine website)
- Each fellow will receive the fellowship certificate from AOSpine upon completion
- The fellow is obligated to deliver a presentation about the fellowship experience, at least once, in AOSpine Asia Pacific event upon request.