



## **I Provisions of the DGOU -Deutsche Gesellschaft für Orthopädie und Unfallchirurgie - German Association of Orthopedic and Traumacare - Visiting Fellowship**

The subject of orthopaedic and trauma surgery is concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, the conservative and operative treatment, the aftercare and rehabilitation of all kinds of injuries and their consequences, as well as the congenital and acquired changes, malformations and diseases of the posture and motor organs (DGOU mission statement).

The most important responsibilities of the German Society for Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery are the optimisation of patient care as well as the promotion of science and the education and further training in our subject.

### **II The aims of the DGOU Visiting Fellowship:**

The DGOU Fellowship aims on supporting the clinical and scientific training, the medical education and the scientific and clinical exchange between all European nations. The fellowship shall provide young orthopaedics and trauma surgeons from all European nations with the opportunity to familiarise themselves with new techniques in the field of clinical orthopaedics and trauma surgery, in science and in the administration and organisation of hospitals and clinical departments.

Another aim is both the establishment and the support of personal contacts and friendships to improve the mutual understanding and the cooperation throughout Europe. In addition, the fellowship shall help to mediate between local traditions, social systems and cultures and promote their exchange.

The DGOU Visiting Fellowship wants to encourage young academics from other European countries to visit German institutions concerned with orthopaedics and trauma surgery in accordance with the statutes of the DGOU.

The DGOU Visiting Fellowship provides opportunities for young and active orthopaedic/trauma surgeons from all over Europe to visit an annually changing German institution, which is being suggested by the DGOU, for a period of 4 weeks after their specialist training.

### **III Our Rules**

Every year, one European member of the European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery (ESTES) will be awarded with the DGOU Fellowship. The work emphases and interests of the applicant shall match the emphases of the respective host institution.

Eligible to apply are all members of ESTES and of national ESTES societies throughout Europe who have completed their education in the field of orthopaedics and/or trauma surgery and who are in an employment relationship and not self-employed. Applicants must not be older than 40 years. The applicant should possess sufficient language skills (must at least speak either English or German fluently).

The amount of the DGOU Visiting Fellowship is EUR 2500. The money is meant to cover parts of the costs for the journey, accommodation and living.

The fellow will be able to visit the host institution for a period of 4 weeks. The fellow should be given the opportunity to give one or more presentations about his clinical and/or scientific specialist subject in his host institution. In addition, the fellow will be obliged to give a presentation about his clinical and/or scientific specialist subject at the annual DGOU conference. Thus, the transfer of knowledge and information between both partners will be promoted. A report about the DGOU Visiting Fellowship should be submitted to the DGOU office General Secretary within 1 month after the conclusion of the fellowship for its publication in the DGOU news bulletin.

Applications for the fellowship (in either German or English) must contain:

- the CV,
- list of publications
- covering letter describing the intended purpose of the visit,
- description of the applicant's work emphases and interests,
- a letter of recommendation from the director of the sending institution.

Closing date for applications for the DGOU Fellowship is May, 31 of every year.

The DGOU visiting Fellowship is supposed to fulfil a mere assisting function for the applicant. The DGOU will only be supporting the organisation of the basic agreement between the participant and the host institution. All further details will be discussed and conducted between the participant and the host institution directly. The realisation of the fellowship and all associated risks and cost are not incumbent upon the DGOU. The DGOU shall not be liable for any claims which the applicant may possibly want to assert. Also, all fiscal matters concerning the receipt and use of the fellowship money shall be incumbent upon the applicant only. By submitting his application, the applicant acknowledges these regulations.

#### **IV Selection of Fellows**

A committee composed of the 1st vice-president, the treasurer, a member of the temporary advisory board, and a member of the Young Forum will decide about the award of the DGOU visiting fellowship. The work emphases and interests of the applicant have to match the emphases of the respective host institution.

The executive board of the DGOU will decide on the awarding of the DGOU fellowship on the basis of recommendations made by the award committee in their next meeting after May 31. Every Fellow should be able to give one or more lectures in his own field of clinical or experimental research in orthopaedics and trauma to the colleagues of the host institution. Thus, there will be a real exchange of knowledge and information between both parties. A report of the visit should be send to DGOU office within one month after the end of the visit, to be published in EJTES and the official DGOU bulletins.

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