



OTA Traveling Fellowship Call for Applications

We are currently accepting applications from early to mid-career orthopaedic trauma faculty for a traveling fellowship through the Orthopaedic Trauma Association.

Goals:

- Immersive leadership experience for orthopaedic trauma surgeons who have completed an OTA fellowship
- Broadening understanding and improved networking for the fellows with deeper connection via a senior mentor
- Knowledge distribution by discussion with various centers about fixation strategies and local trauma care and how it varies across the country
- Educational highlight at OTA Annual Meeting including a presentation by fellows
- Committee appointment for OTA traveling fellows after completion of fellowship

Fellowship Applicant Specifics:

- Three fellows per traveling fellowship group with one alternate chosen
- Must have completed OTA accredited fellowship
- Must be a member of the OTA
- Within the first five years of practice at the time of travel
- Fellowship will travel every other year (in even years)
- Applicants must complete a fellowship application process (see below)
- Fellows will be appointed to an OTA committee position after the fellowship
- Fellows will present a report from the podium on their traveling fellowship experience at the OTA Annual Meeting immediately following their travel experience

Fellow Selection Process:

- A rotating committee appointed in part by the OTA Board will determine the chosen fellowship group and mentors.
- Committee will evaluate fellows via application (including essays and letters of recommendation), and in-person interviews at the OTA Annual Meeting.
- Fellows will be notified in the fall after the OTA Annual Meeting prior to travel the following spring (April-May).

Fellowship Travel Specifics:

- Fellows will be mentored by a seasoned orthopaedic trauma surgeon, a highly visible, active member of the OTA. The senior mentor will have pre-travel conference calls and weekly summative conference calls with the group during the time of travel, as well as a post-travel meeting at the OTA Annual Meeting.
- Fellows will travel to 8-10 orthopedic trauma centers in North America over a four week period, with centers divided between Eastern, Midwest, and Western regions on a rotating cycle. Three internal weekends will be included; fellows are not expected to be available for the first and last weekend before and after the tour.

- Travel will be in April-May to accommodate seasonal variation
- Travel, accommodations, food, and planned activities will be paid for on behalf of the fellows through a combination of OTA, visiting site, and donor funding.
- As members of this Fellowship group and the OTA family, Fellows will be encouraged to contribute philanthropically to the OTA in support of future traveling fellowship groups.
- Host sites will provide specific leadership experiences for traveling fellows that will be planned in advance. Host sites will have an appointed trauma faculty as fellowship coordinator for that site. Examples of experiences could include:
 - Discussion of building a trauma program with a department chair
 - Discussion of hiring/building a trauma division with a division chief
 - Discussion of creating a trauma system with a chair or trauma chief of general surgery
 - Discussion of financial side of trauma systems with CFO or business manager
 - Focus for knowledge distribution: bringing in local trauma people for discussion, complex cases about certain fracture types, etc.
 - Operating room or clinical observation opportunities
 - Traveling fellows may be given an opportunity for presentations (didactic or case presentations)
 - Quality improvement programs unique to the institution
 - Research programs unique to the institution

Online Fellow Application Process:

- The submission deadline is August 1. Applicants will be notified of invitation for interview by August 31.
- Applicants will submit application form, curriculum vitae, and essays via the online system.
- Letters of recommendation should be obtained from:
 - Program chair/employer in support of candidate and time commitment
 - Orthopaedic trauma fellowship program director
 - Third letter from orthopaedic trauma surgeon who can recommend candidate but was not supervisor/mentor/direct educator