

EBCOG Fellowship for Ukrainian trainees or specialists

Introduction

To support specifically Ukrainian OB/GYN doctors (fellows or consultants) the EBCOG decided on 2 additional fellowships for 3-6 months (for €3.000-6.000) in a foreign training centre with a training programme accredited or recognised by EBCOG. The fellowship will be announced in autumn of the previous year and the fellowships awarded at the beginning of the following year. The fellowship should be preferably completed during the same year it has been awarded. Specific guidelines and/or deadlines will be made available via the EBCOG and ENTOG websites and their respective newsletters each year.

The fellowship project will be managed by the EBCOG Fellowship Working group.

Criteria

1. Applicants must be current Obstetrics and Gynaecology trainees or specialists from a Ukrainian department of OB/GYN.
2. The fellowship is intended to expose the doctors from Ukraine to either continue in or to complete their basic training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (or to training in one of eight elective modules according to the EBCOG PACT) which has been affected or interrupted by current situation or to continue in their practical training in the field after completion of their basic training in Ukraine.
3. The fellowship must be hosted in either an EBCOG accredited or nationally accredited training centre. The latter is only applicable for countries with an EBCOG recognised national visitation system. A list of accredited centres can be found on the EBCOG website (www.ebcog.eu/accreditation).
4. The fellowship should be initiated (and preferably completed) in the same year in that it has been awarded.

Obligations

EBCOG should assist trainees in obtaining a fellowship in their accredited centre of choice but cannot guarantee the availability of a hosting centre for the fellowship program. The hosting centre will be required to appoint the trainee a tutor throughout their fellowship, in addition to providing a rota and a list of departmental and national requirements for arranging the fellowship. The trainees learning objectives should be decided on an individual basis and defined at the beginning of the fellowship.

Before application the following arrangements must be made:

- Candidates are expected to personally contact the hospital where they wish to complete the fellowship to ensure the feasibility of the fellowship.
- PRIOR to applying for the EBCOG fellowship, the head of department from the hospital that the trainee will be leaving to complete their fellowship has to endorse the arrangement. If

the head of the department is not able/available, the Head of AAGU Executive Committee can make that endorsement.

- The head of department of the hospital the trainee wishes to complete their fellowship in has to endorse the arrangement.

After completing the fellowship, each trainee is expected to send a final report to EBCOG summarising his or her activities and financial expenditures (mandatory). They are also requested to share their experiences on the ENTOG/EBCOG websites within two months after the completion of the fellowship.

Application process

Applicants are requested to send the following documents before the application deadline announced each year:

1. Application form
2. Curriculum vitae (maximum two pages)
3. Motivation letter for the fellowship (maximum one page)
4. Letter of endorsement written by the head of department from the hospital that the trainee will be leaving to complete their fellowship (or endorsement by the Head of AAGU Executive Committee).
5. Letter of endorsement (or letter of intention) written by the head of department of the hospital the trainee wishes to complete their fellowship in.

Additional information

- You are personally responsible for planning your fellowship, including travel arrangements and accommodation.
- Additional expenses beyond the 3000EUR/3 months of 6000EUR/6 months grant will not be covered by EBCOG.
- Some, but not all, hospitals may be able to negotiate a salary. Please enquire prior to application.
- Check in your own department/country whether the fellowship will be recognised (i.e., whether the three months spent abroad will be included as part of your national training).
- Enquire about possible language barriers (English may not be enough) and enquire about the national requirements to be more than an observer. Recognition of your medical degree/title may be required (e.g., GMC recognition is essential for working in the UK). Please appreciate that these administrative procedures may take a great deal of time to complete.
- Confirm the need for liability insurance, and whether the hosting hospital will cover you.
- Check occupational health requirements (specific test, vaccinations required at the time)