Applications are invited for the 2017 Travelling Fellowship

The British Association of Spinal Surgeons (BASS) and the British Scoliosis Society (BSS) offer senior residents, spinal fellows and consultants within five years of appointment a chance to have extensive exposure to complex spinal procedures at established spinal units over 2 weeks.

The Fellowship programme includes mandatory attendance at the following BASS/BSS meetings. The programme rotates between established orthopaedic and neurosurgical spinal centres allowing significant contact between fellows and leaders in the field.

The Fellowship will take place between 27th Feb – 7th March 2017 around spinal centres in Dublin, Belfast and Galway, Ireland. The candidates will then visit Stoke Mandeville hospital and Oxford unit between 8-10th March 2017.

The Fellowship is funded by the United Kingdom Spine Societies Board (UKSSB) which represents BASS, BSS and the Society of Back Pain Research (SBPR). UKSSB has representation from BOA and SBNS.

Further details can be obtained from Mr Aprajay Golash, BASS Education and Training Chair at aprajay.golash@lthtr.nhs.uk

Application Process:

1. To apply, please submit your CV, along with a personal statement describing your career pathway, interests and future plans.

2. Please submit a letter of recommendation from your supervising consultant/clinical lead.

3. Your application should be sent to Jo Wilson at UKSSB@boa.ac.uk by 31st October 2016.

Selected candidates will be informed in early December 2016.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants should be members of BASS or BSS or BOA or SBNS or local spine society.

2. Applicants should be post-FRCS exam senior residents, clinical spinal fellows or junior consultants in the first 2 years of their appointment.
3. Previously unsuccessful applicants can re-apply.

4. Fellowships cannot be awarded retrospectively.

**The Fellowship:**

1. BASS/BSS will reimburse travelling expenses up to £2,000. Claims must be submitted within 6 months of the Fellowship. Detailed financial arrangements will be provided to successful candidates.

2. International fellows will be required to pay for their flights to the UK.

3. By accepting the Fellowship, all awardees agree not to partake in any activities that will bring BASS/BSS and/or sponsors into disrepute. BASS/BSS accept no liability for the actions of the candidates whilst on the Fellowship or for activities related to it.

4. Each Fellow is required to submit a report of approximately 500 words within 6 weeks of completion of the Fellowship. This may be published on the BASS and/or BSS websites.