

## AO CMF Asia Pacific Fellowship

**Important notes:** Please note that the Young Surgeons Professional Development Program and the Starter Fellowship Program no longer exist. AO CMF Asia Pacific Fellowship Program is for the year 2025 and beyond.

After clicking 'Apply Here' on the fellowship website, please click 'Continue' directly to skip the introduction page.

The application platform may display the program name as 'Starter Fellowship Program', require different documents, and offer limited durations. These are for the old programs, and the system update still needs time for implementation.

Regarding the duration, please choose any option provided by the system, if any, and our regional fellowship coordinator will assign a duration of 6-8 weeks for you.

**Please refer only to this application guideline for your application.** Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

**Basic aims:** The aim of this program is to provide a financial support for surgeons in craniomaxillofacial surgery from Asia Pacific region to participate in the educational activities in any of the approved AO CMF Fellowship Centers in Asia Pacific.

**Prerequisite:**

1. An AO CMF member.
2. Preferably employed by a teaching institution.
3. Less than 5 years of practice after completing residency.
4. Graduation from a training program in one of the CMF specialties.
5. Applicants with only one fellowship application will be considered.
6. Applicants who have had a previous AO CMF Fellowship experience, whether International or AP, will not be considered.

**Organization:** The program will be for 6-8 weeks. Fellows are pre-selected and assigned by the AO CMF Regional Fellowship Coordinators. The fellow will participate in all formats of teaching done in the AO CMF Fellowship Center, such as lectures, workshops, discussions, live surgeries. The fellow may be required to present a research paper in a format/ schedule dictated by the AO CMF Fellowship Center.

If the fellow participates in operative procedures, the legalities and specific privileges must be arranged by the local host. The fellow should provide a health certificate proving negative test results for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV and TB.

The fellow shall arrange the accommodation, and transportation by himself/herself.

**Stipend:** During fellowship, the fellow will receive a small stipend fund to contribute to accommodation and living costs. Please note that the stipend is a contribution to the costs for travel, accommodation and meals and may not

necessarily cover all the costs. AO CMF is not able to arrange accommodation in the host country. Travel as well as insurance costs must be funded entirely by the fellow.

The price level ratio of purchasing power parity ([PPP](#)) conversion factor to market exchange rate is used for stipend calculation. The stipend is paid in Swiss francs equivalents.

**Application process:**

The AO CMF AP Fellowship will be conducted in a yearly basis rotated among the different AO CMF Fellowship Centers in the Asia Pacific region. The schedule of activities for the program will be provided by the host AO CMF Fellowship Center in Asia Pacific.

Applications will be reviewed and recommended by the Asia Pacific Fellowship Coordinator.

**Insurance:**

AO CMF will not be liable for any untoward events that may happen during and after completion of the program. Neither AO CMF nor host hospitals will cover the surgeon's insurance against illness or accidents during working hours nor non-working hours. The fellows are strongly recommended to arrange his/her own insurance as well as mal-practice insurance before leaving his/her country.

**Supporting documentation:**

1. Curriculum vitae
2. Copy of medical school / dental school diploma(s)
3. Copy of AO CMF Course Certificate(s), if any
4. Letter of recommendation from your senior or any AO member who knows you personally
5. Letter of recommendation from the head of your training institution
6. Copy of your passport
7. Health certificate (proving negative test result for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV and TB), if any