

Policy on Clinical Fellowship

Apollo Hospitals Education and Research Foundation (AHERF)

Aim:

To define the procedure for grant of Clinical Fellowships.

Scope:

Grant for Clinical Fellowships accredited by Apollo Hospitals Education and Research Foundation AHERF across all Apollo Group Hospitals.

Proposal

AHERF grants Clinical fellowships of 6 months, 1 year and 2 years' duration in various disciplines to qualified medical professionals unless indicated otherwise. These fellowships will be offered in those specialities where no or limited training programs exist in India.

Process: Clinical fellowship of AHERF shall be open only to medical professionals with graduate and postgraduate qualifications.

- 1.1 To run a clinical fellowship, the department would need to apply for approval of department in the prescribed format (Annexure A).
- 1.2 The departments offering the fellowship for one seat should have two full time Consultants.
- 1.3 The AHERF fellowship committee shall approve the fellowships.
- 1.4 Applications shall be called in the month of May each year and eligible candidates shall forward applications in the prescribed format as per Annexure B to the respective Director Medical Services/Medical Head.
- 1.5 Shortlisted candidates shall be called for an interview by a selection committee at the departmental level.
- 1.6 The candidate shall be approved by the Director Medical Services / Medical Head in consultation with the academic/ clinical coordinator of the respective speciality.
- 1.7 The Fellow shall be absorbed against an approved junior medical staff position- Registrar, Senior Registrar, Junior Consultant or a new position if finances permit.

Fellowships of 6 months' duration

Applications shall be called twice a year (May and October every year) for the following fellowships of 6 months' duration starting on 1st January and 1st July.

Following fellowships of 6 months' duration will be offered to candidates with MBBS qualification:

Sr. No.	Name of Clinical Fellowship/ Specialty	Eligibility Criteria	Duration
1	Dialysis	MBBS	6 Months
2	Hyperbaric Medicine	MBBS	6 Months
3	Diabetes	MBBS	6 Months
4	Geriatrics	MBBS	6 Months

Following fellowships of 6 months' duration will be offered to candidates with MD/ DNB qualification:

Sr. No.	Name of Clinical Fellowship/ Specialty	Eligibility Criteria	Duration
1	Endoscopy	MD/DNB	6 Months
2	Metabolic endocrine disorders	MD/ DNB	6 Months
3	Neuro physiology	MD/ DNB	6 Months

Fellowships of 1-year duration

Applications shall be called once a year (May every year) for fellowships of 1-year duration starting on the 1st of July. The following fellowships of 1-year duration will be offered to candidates with MD/ DNB and MS/ DNB qualifications:

Sr. No.	Name of Clinical Fellowship/ Specialty	Eligibility Criteria	Duration
1	Interventional Pulmonology	MD/ DNB	1 Year
2	IVF	MD/ DNB	1 Year
3	Cardiac Anaesthesia	MD/ DNB	1 Year
4	Clinical Nephrology	MD/ DNB	1 Year
5	Transplant Nephrology	MD/ DNB	1 Year
6	Critical Care	MD/ DNB	1 Year
7	Non-invasive Cardiology	MD/ DNB	1 Year
8	Liver Transplant Anaesthesia	MD/ DNB	1 Year
9	Stroke Medicine	MD/ DNB	1 Year
10	Developmental Paediatrics	MD/ DNB	1 Year
11	Clinical Genetics	MD/ DNB	1 Year
12	Clinical Apheresis	MD/ DNB	1 Year
13	Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care	MD/ DNB	1 Year
14	Radiation Oncology	MD/ DNB	1 Year
15	Emergency Neurology	MD/ DNB	1 Year
16	Transfusion Medicine	MD/ DNB	1 Year
17	Anaesthesiology	MD/ DNB	1 Year
18	Hepatology	MD/ DNB	1 Year
19	Genitourinary surgery	MS/ DNB	1 Year
20	Arthroscopy & Sport Medicine	MS/ DNB	1 Year
21	Implantation Otology	MS/ DNB	1 Year
22	Minimal access and robotic surgery in Gynaecology	MS/ DNB	1 Year
23	Robotic Surgery	MS/ DNB	1 Year
24	Head and Neck Oncologic surgery	MS/ DNB	1 Year (Basic)

			2 Years (Advanced)
25	Colorectal Surgery	MS/ DNB	1 Year
26	Vascular/ Endovascular surgery	MS/ DNB	1 Year

Fellowships of 2 years' duration

Applications shall be called once a year (May every year) for fellowships of 2 years' duration starting on 1st July. The following fellowships of 2 years' duration shall be offered to candidates with MCh/ DNB, MS/ DNB and MD/ DNB qualifications:

Sr. No.	Name of Clinical Fellowship/ Specialty	Eligibility Criteria	Duration
1	Liver Transplant and HBP Surgery	MCh/ DNB	2 Years
2	Renal Transplant Surgery	MS/ DNB	2 Years
3	Paediatric and Adolescent Endocrinology	MD/ DNB	2 Years

3.8 Fellows shall follow the training schedule as per Annexure C.

3.9 Each candidate shall maintain a log book.

3.10 Examination – Quarterly internal evaluation (for fellowships of 6 months' duration), half yearly internal evaluation (for fellowships of 1-year duration) and yearly internal evaluation (for fellowships of 2 years' duration) shall consist of a written test (multiple choice questions) and one clinical presentation in a Local/State/National CME.

3.11 Depending on the type of fellowship, final examinations shall be conducted at the end of 6 months/ 1 year/ 2 years of fellowship program by one external examiner and one internal examiner. The final examination will consist of written examination (MCQ type), viva and practical clinical skills assessment test (one short and one long case). The fellow shall have to publish an article or paper in a reputed journal during the course of the fellowship.

3.12 Upon successful completion of training and examination process, the successful fellow shall be conferred the clinical fellowship of AHERF in the respective speciality.