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The AFSH-HVO Young Surgeon Traveling Fellowship

Applications for the 2025 American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand - Health Volunteers Overseas Young Surgeon Traveling Fellowship are being accepted. This fellowship is available due to a generous grant from the American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand (AFSH). **All applications must be received by close of business on December 12, 2025.** Recipients must complete travel within 12 months of notification.

Eligible applicants include surgeons who are currently in a hand fellowship program or who have completed their fellowship within the last four years. The applicant should not have been in practice for more than five years and should be a US or Canadian citizen. All eligible surgeons with an interest in spending 2-4 weeks at an appropriate HVO teaching site in a low-resource country are invited to apply. The successful applicant will be exposed to a wide range of surgical pathologies not commonly seen in the United States. He/she will learn to communicate more effectively with people from different cultures and will be exposed to the realities and constraints of delivering health care in a resource-scarce environment. The fellowship recipient will be challenged to be flexible, to adapt to different circumstances, and to hone their decision-making skills.

Interested applicants should send the following documents (must be in MS Word or PDF format):

1. One page letter highlighting previous experience and motivation for seeking fellowship.
2. Current CV.
3. Letter of support from the director of fellowship program OR, if you are a young surgeon, a letter of support from the chief of surgery at the hospital where you conduct most of your surgeries. The letter should address your suitability for the traveling fellowship (ability to teach, adapt, and be flexible) and ability to have 2-4 weeks available to participate.

Applications should be addressed to April Pinner and sent to a.moody@hvousa.org (include a reference to "AFSH-HVO Fellowship" in the subject line). **Electronic submission is required.**