

Smith & Nephew Registrar's Travelling Fellow Guidelines

You have been chosen by the Head of your Department to be a Registrar travelling fellow.

Every year two registrars (chosen by the head of departments on a rotational basis) are afforded the opportunity to travel to and spend time at the major academic centers in South Africa. The SAOA secretariat will book your flights and accommodation and supply you with your itinerary. The local programs will be organized by the different departments and this might include a social evening.

As the name implies the major sponsor for this fellowship since its inception has been Smith & Nephew. It is a prestigious fellowship with many of the past fellows excelling in their careers and becoming leaders in Orthopaedic surgery both locally and abroad.

This is a privilege that means that you are an ambassador not only for your University and Orthopaedic Department, but also of the SAOA when visiting various Academic Centers throughout South Africa.

- The tour lasts for about three weeks and you will be spending about three days at each Department.
- Fellows will be required to participate in academic meetings and present original research (at least one but preferably two talks). As different departments might have different approaches, this is also an opportunity for cross pollination and possible future collaboration.
- You will participate in ward rounds, attend outpatients and participate in theatre activities. You may well be asked for your opinion and approach to different scenarios and cases.
- The Tour includes and usually ends with the Registrars Congress.

- At the end of the Travelling Fellowship it will be required of the Fellow to write a short report regarding his/her experience. Acknowledgement of the sponsor (Smith & Nephew) should be mentioned and your report should also be suitable for publication in the SAOA Bulletin.

This will be a unique opportunity to learn a lot, make new friends and have memorable experiences.