

South African Glaucoma Society Education Objectives

SAGS aims to focus on glaucoma education at multiple levels

1. Local annual congresses
2. Travel Fellowships for individuals to visit and observe Glaucoma Centres of excellence in other countries.
3. Patient Foundation (under development)

This document deals with the Travel Fellowship

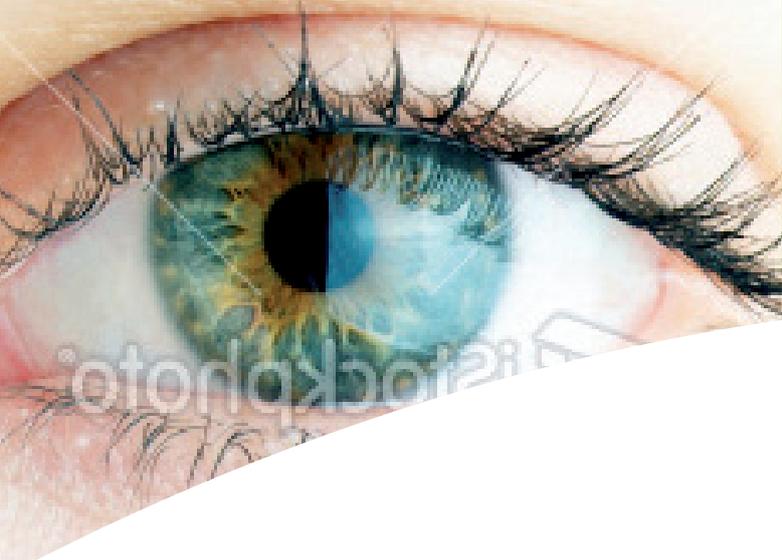
REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

1. Candidates must be post FCS or MMed(Ophth) to apply
2. South African resident (hold SA Passport or Permanent Residence Document)
3. Candidates should have attended at least 2 SAGS annual congresses or, if they have only attended 1 congress, then they should have presented either a poster or a paper at that congress
4. Applicants should write a letter of motivation to the SAGS executive committee
5. Candidates' application to be endorsed by a prominent local ophthalmologist
6. The successful candidate will write a report for S.A Journal of Ophthalmology
7. The successful candidate will be available to give talks locally to South African ophthalmologists after the visit

WORKING DETAILS

1. The SAGS executive committee will review all the applications and select the most suitable candidate
2. SAGS will facilitate the + 3 week visit with specific overseas centres and glaucoma specialists
3. SAGS will fund 1 economy return airfare to the major airport closest to the Glaucoma Centre
4. SAGS will provide a daily subsistence allowance to be calculated depending on specific venue requirements
5. The applicant must provide the following –
 - a. personal letter of motivation
 - b. proof of having passed FCS / MMed
 - c. proof of South African citizenship
 - d. proof of having attended 2 SAGS congresses or 1 congress & proof of presentation at that congress
 - e. copy of a valid passport
 - f. personal banking details for transfer of funds to account
 - g. personal reference letter from a local ophthalmologist endorsing the candidate
 - h. a signed declaration that should the travel fellowship not be undertaken that any monies will be refunded to SAGS
 - i. an undertaking to write a report in the SAJO
 - j. an undertaking to report back on the visit to local regional ophthalmic meetings





6. The successful candidate will be expected to –
- purchase own foreign currency to the value of daily subsistence allowance
 - purchase own airline ticket initially (if using credit card, this gives automatic insurance cover and simplifies administrative issues)
 - organize and purchase own travel insurance (available to all PPS members)
 - organize and purchase any/all visas required depending on passport and country details
 - complete any documentation or compliance regulations required by the centre to be visited.

On presentation of receipts for purchases a & b the candidate will be refunded immediately.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any South African Ophthalmologist who fills in the above requirements may apply. Preference will be given to younger enthusiastic consultants in academic institutions.

INFORMATION FOR SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

Thank you for applying for the SAGS travel observer fellowship and congratulations on being accepted.

You will be officially representing the SAGS and all South African ophthalmologists as a whole, in a foreign country and such will be expected to bring credit to South Africa.

This is a unique opportunity to acquire in-depth knowledge from a leading expert in an informal personal one on one basis. The aim is that the experience will benefit both you as an individual and South African Ophthalmology as a whole.

Please note that this is not a fully comprehensively paid travel fellowship. The candidate chosen may incur some personal expenses.

You will be a guest at the generosity of the overseas centre, they have not been paid for this and have no legal obligation to you or SAGS to fulfill any requirements. You will not be medically registered in that country or have any direct responsibilities or duties and at no time must you take any on as there will be no legal cover for you or for SAGS.

The overseas centre will indicate how they wish you to conduct the observation which usually consists of being attached to one or two consultants in an observatory capacity and you are expected to comply with their requests.

On behalf of the South African Glaucoma Society we hope you enjoy and learn from this experience and that it will enhance and develop your personal knowledge and skills to the benefit of yourself and South Africa. Travel well.

Bill Nortje
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SAGS Travel Fellowship Committee

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