

Early Career Neurosurgeon Traveling Fellowship



The [Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation](https://www.nref.org) (NREF) focuses on providing educational funding in basic neuroscience and neurosurgical programs in North America.

The **Early Career Neurosurgeon Traveling Fellowship** is a new program designed for neurosurgical residents, fellows and early career neurosurgeons interested in a subspecialty experience away from their home neurosurgery program. Fellowships to consist of an away rotation from one (1) week up to one (1) month in duration, focused on a subspecialty experience with a Board-certified Neurosurgeon(s) or subspecialty surgeon(s) from another primary specialty. The supervising surgeon(s) will provide supervision to the awardee and structured feedback to the awardee's home program. The fellowship will include hands-on clinical exposure to the subspecialty in the operating room and clinic environment. Fellowships will be awarded based on available funding.

General Information

- **Objective** - To fund travel to another institution for a brief fellowship in a subspecialty of neurosurgery
- **Period of Fellowship** – One (1) week up to one (1) month
- **Amount of Fellowship Grant** – Awardees will receive reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals and fellowship-related incidentals, such as books. (NOTE: Awardees to receive notification of the amount that will be funded.)
- **Submission** – Submit the application and all required documents to NREF at info@nref.org. The application is also available for download from the NREF website at www.nref.org.
- **Award Announcement** - The NREF expects to notify individuals via email within thirty (30) days of submitting their applications. The Foundation reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to extend the date for it to provide notification of awards.

Eligibility

- Neurosurgical residents (PGY-4 and above) and fellows in ACGME-accredited neurosurgery programs interested in expanded subspecialty exposure with a rotation away from their home program.
- Early career neurosurgeons in first five (5) years of practice.

Required Documents

- **Curriculum Vitae** – Applicant must submit a current CV.
- **Statement of Intent** – Applicant must provide a statement describing the proposed fellowship experience and what the applicant will accomplish during the fellowship period, including including any relevant information regarding specific products to be used, techniques to be studied, what they hope to learn, etc. The one-page document should speak to the experience being sought and why the proposed host institution is expected to be able to offer the desired experience.
- **Letter of Reference** – Please submit a letter from a professional mentor, program director, neurosurgeon, medical school dean or faculty member familiar with your scientific interests and abilities.
- **Letter of Invitation** – The letter must come from a leader at the host institution verifying they've agreed to provide the applicant with the fellowship experience.
- **Budget** – Document to outline costs for travel, lodging, meals and fellowship-related incidentals, such as books. Awardees to receive notification of the total award. Amount will depend on available funding.

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Status (Please check one.)

- Resident PGY Year _____
 Fellow Year Graduated from Residency _____
 Early Career Neurosurgeon Years in Practice _____

Subspecialty (Please check one.)

- Cerebrovascular Pediatric Neurological Stereotactic & Functional
 Neurotrauma & Critical Care Surgery Tumors
 Pain Spine & Peripheral Nerves

Fellowship Dates (Please list your preferred dates for completing the traveling fellowship.)

From _____ To _____

Host Institution _____

Name _____

Title _____ Department _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

I have reviewed this application for the Early Career Traveling Fellowship and to the best of my knowledge, the information enclosed is accurate. I agree to release and hold harmless the Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF), its members, officers, and agents from any complaints or claims or demands for damage or otherwise, by reason of any act of omission or commission that they may make in connection with this application, including but not limited to the evaluation of the application and the final decision with respect to its approval and/or funding. It is understood that the decisions as to whether this application qualifies me for approval and/or funding rests solely and exclusively on the NREF Board of Directors, based on the recommendations of the NREF Fellowship Committee, and that their decision is final. I understand that I will be legally bound by the foregoing.

As a requirement of the application, you are required to provide an authorized signature.

Applicant (please print) _____ Date _____

Signature _____