

CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

MS is a chronic, inflammatory, demyelinating, autoimmune disease of the central nervous system. It is among the most common causes of neurological disability in young adults and occurs at least twice as frequently in women as in men.

The incidence and prevalence of this debilitating disease continue to rise in the region as observed by several local epidemiology publications and patient registries. Although we have seen a leap in disease awareness, we continue to learn and develop our understanding of the underlying causes, disease progression and treatment alternatives. There is no doubt that more can be done to improve our understanding of the disease characteristics and their impact on the diverse population inhabiting the MENA region.

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

MENACTRIMS offers a clinical fellowship in MS for neurologists and other physicians to provide the opportunity for successful candidates to learn the advanced techniques in management and care of MS patients and to help foster their careers as MS physicians.

The MENACTRIMS Clinical Fellowship is intended to be a full-time MS clinical care training experience. This can include "hands on" clinical care under the guidance of the mentor, care-related course work in the training institutions, and may also include time involved in clinical research under the guidance of, and as deemed appropriate by, the mentor.

The training period must be under the direction of a senior clinical mentor experienced in MS diagnosis and management and can run for 3 months, 6 months or 1 year in duration.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

- Candidates must hold an MD or equivalent medical degree prior to application for the clinical fellowship. Having completed a relevant internship and residency is desirable, but not obligatory
- Candidates with a specialty interest in neurology or any other field of medicine that is related and important to MS care and management are eligible (for instance, electrophysiology, physiotherapy/rehabilitation medicine, psychiatry, etc).
- In general, successful applicants will be less than 40 years of age at the time of application; however, there is no prohibition on applicants who are older, and exceptions under special circumstances will be considered.

APPLY NOW!

CLINICAL TRAINING LOCATIONS

- The Clinical Training Fellowship period must be spent in an Academic/ Multiple Sclerosis Center or clinical research center focused on MS.
- The prospective fellow must determine in advance the Clinical fellowship Program location and identify a proposed mentor who will be supporting the training period, all of which will be considered along with the fellow's own qualifications, in the review and selection process.
- The mentor and his/her institution must provide certification that the proposed training fellow will be allowed to undertake patient care in the institution including the licensure requirement

SUPPORT

- MENACTRIMS will provide a stipend of USD 12,500 for a 3-month program, USD 25,000 for a 6-month program or USD 50,000 for a 1-year training program (excluding institutional fees).
- MENACTRIMS will also provide economy round-trip transportation from the successful candidate's home location to the training site; travel expenses for family members cannot be provided.
- Payment from MENACTRIMS will be made to the host institution, which will be considered the employer of the fellow. Stipends will be paid by the host institution to the fellow according to the institution's own payment policies and schedules.
- The MENACTRIMS award must be used by the institution to pay the fellow's stipend ("salary") at the appropriate rate for the fellow's stage of training. This may include expenses for conference attendance and poster presentation.
- Fellows will be invited to attend the annual MENACTRIMS Congress during the term of their training period. MENACTRIMS will separately support travel and accommodations for Congress participation.

APPLICATIONS EVALUATION CRITERIA

MENACTRIMS Clinical Fellowships will be awarded in a competitive review process conducted by members of the MENACTRIMS Clinical Fellowship Review Committee. Applications will be evaluated based on the:

- Candidate qualifications, educational history and evaluation of career plans
- Qualifications and characteristics of the proposed training mentor and host institution
- The nature of the proposed clinical training plan, including any course work or clinical research that is anticipated
- Quality of letters of endorsement from the proposed mentor and from referees at the fellow's home institution, etc.

All other conditions being satisfied, priority will be given to applicants from developing countries.

UP TO **USD 50,000** WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFO. ON ELIGIBILITY, CRITERIA & APPLICATION VISIT:

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