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The AFSH-HVO Young Surgeon Traveling Fellowship

Applications for the 2012 American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand - Health Volunteers Overseas Young Surgeon Traveling Fellowship are being accepted. All applications must be received by close of business on **April 1, 2012**. This fellowship is available due to a generous grant from the American Foundation for Surgery of the Hand (AFSH).

Eligible surgeons include: R3, R4, R5, Fellows and Surgeons within three years of completing their fellowship. The applicant should not have been in practice for more than five years. All eligible surgeons with an interest in spending a minimum of 4 weeks at an appropriate HVO teaching site in a developing 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.

*Please note: Residents and Fellows applying for this fellowship will be paired with an established lead surgeon.

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

1. *One page letter* highlighting previous experience and motivation for seeking fellowship;
2. *Current CV* and
3. *Letter of support from the director of residency program, 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 the applicant's suitability for the traveling fellowship (ability to teach, adapt and be flexible) and the applicant's ability to have a minimum of 4 weeks available to participate.

Applications should be addressed to Nancy Kelly and sent to info@hvousa.org (include a reference to "AFSH-HVO Fellowship" in the subject line).

Electronic submission is required.

The application deadline is April 1, 2012.