



Helmerich International Fellowships

The Helmerich International Fellowships, sponsored by the Retina Research Foundation, are awarded annually by the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) to ophthalmologists from developing countries who are committed to enhancing ophthalmic education and patient care in their home countries. Honoring the public service leadership of Mr. W. H. Helmerich III, the fellowships are designed to provide advanced subspecialty training to ophthalmologists who will be in a position to transmit knowledge by resident-specialists in training and provide exemplary ophthalmic care to the people of their home country.

Two Helmerich International Fellowships will be awarded each year to young ophthalmologists from developing countries that have completed ophthalmology resident-specialist training and are:

1. Recommended by a teaching institution or public service hospital in a developing country.
2. Accepted for a subspecialty training fellowship, one year or more in duration, at an advanced ophthalmology training center.
3. Committed to return to a position at a teaching institution or public service hospital in the home country following fellowship.

Each Helmerich International Fellowship Award consists of:

1. Salary for one year (12 months) of fellowship in the amount of US\$20,000. From this salary, the fellow is responsible for payment of health insurance, professional liability insurance and living expenses during the fellowship.
2. Transportation support for one round trip coach (economy) air travel or equivalent between the home country and the training country in an amount up to US\$2,000.
3. Award to the training institution of US\$1,000 for training expenses.

Recipients of the Helmerich International Fellowship are required to devote full time and effort to the fellowship program. Fellowship recipients are also required to provide a report and representative photographs of the fellowship experience at the conclusion of the training and a report of professional activities, including teaching and public service, three years after completion of the Helmerich International Fellowship.



Candidates for the Helmerich International Fellowships in 2011 are invited to apply by providing the following prior to **September 1, 2010**:

1. Candidate Information
 - A. Personal information
 1. Full name (last name, first name(s), initial(s))
 2. Mailing address
 3. E-mail address
 4. Date of birth
 5. Nationality
 6. Academic degrees, diplomas and certificates
 7. ICO Assessment certificate
 8. Current position
 9. Languages spoken
 10. Languages written
 11. Teaching experience (students, residents)
 - B. Fellowship information
 1. Subspecialty
 2. Training institution (name, address)
 3. Starting date
 4. Duration of fellowship
 - C. Post-fellowship information
 1. Title and position
 2. Institution (name, address)
2. Letter of application from the candidate that states the goals of the fellowship training and describes how the training will be used to enhance education and eye care in the home country after fellowship.
3. Curriculum Vitae including education, training, honors, awards, and publications/presentations.
4. Letter of recommendation signed by the director of a teaching institution or public service hospital that includes a description of the candidate's professional training and surgical experience, and states how the home country would benefit from the knowledge and skills of the candidate following fellowship.
5. Documentation of candidate's acceptance for subspecialty fellowship, one year or longer in duration, by an advanced training center.
6. Documentation regarding the professional position to be occupied by the candidate following return to his or her home country.

Application letters and related information should be sent to the ICO Helmerich International Fellowship Committee by e-mail at helmerich@icoph.org prior to **September 1, 2010**.