

The NFOG FUND, Call for applications (1 March 2011)



The NFOG General Assembly at the the 37th Nordic Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology 15-18 June 2010 in Copenhagen decided to establish the **NFOG Fund**. It will replace the NFOG Visitor and Collaborative Programs and provide support for a wider range of activities.

Purpose:

The purpose of the NFOG Fund is to support further development of professional skills, research, and clinical and scientific collaboration in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology.

Who can apply:

Members of the national societies of NFOG who are specialists in obstetrics and gynecology or trainees who have completed two years of specialist training.

The following fields within obstetrics and gynecology can be covered:

- 1:** Clinical or scientific visits outside country of residence with the purpose of improving skills and/or developing and sharing expertise.
- 2:** Voluntary or project work in developing countries.
- 3:** Courses outside the applicant's country of residence.
- 4:** Collaborative clinical or scientific projects between members of the national societies of NFOG.
- 5:** Each national society can apply once per year for the coverage of expenses to bring one lecturer from another Nordic country to speak at one annual meeting arranged by the society.

In case the number of applications exceed the funding, applications regarding activities within the Nordic countries will have the highest priority.

Grants will not be given for:

- Congresses, symposias, pre and post congress courses.
- Courses arranged by NFOG.
- Salary or daily allowance shall not be covered
- Training of other professions than gynaecologists/obstetricians.
- Only future activities will be considered for support. Retrospective applications will not be taken into consideration. According to this activities taking place before 10.4.2011 will not be considered.

The grants will only cover:

- Course fee.
- Traveling expenses: Public transport, air fare on economy class, only one return ticket.

- Modest accommodation. For longer visits hotels are not accepted. Accommodation will only be covered for the duration of the stay and no longer than one month.
- Meeting expenses for collaborative projects (point 4 above)
- Only expenses of NFOG members will be covered by the grants. This rule does not apply for lecturers at societies annual meetings (point 5),

Application must include:

- Applicant should be submitted on a special NFOG Fund application form which can be found at www.nfog.org and should include:
- Applicant's motivations and reasons for applying.
- Short Curriculum Vitae (no more than two pages). In collaborative projects, short CV from the principal investigator of each participating Nordic country
- Detailed budget.
- Copy of course announcement (point 3)
- In collaborative projects, short description of the research / clinical project, including information on appropriate approvals. Total length up to five pages.
- Letter of recommendation from head of department, including comment in relation to the budget of the clinic (points 1-3).
- In case of clinical visit or voluntary work: acceptance letter from head of department at the clinic where the visit is to take place or the organization which is responsible for the program.
- Information on whether or not the applicant has applied for or received other grants for the same purpose, and how much.

A short written report to the NFOG Board must be send to the NFOG Treasurer within 3 months after the activity. The report will be published on the Website. Expenses will be refunded, when the NFOG Treasurer receives documentation of expenses and the written report. Claim form can be found at www.nfog.org.

Deadline for applications

Application dates are March 1st and October 1st each year. Applicants will be notified within two months of the application dates. **The next deadline is March 1st 2011:**

Applications should be submitted as a single file, named with the applicant's name to nfogfund@nfog.org.

Further information

Further instructions can be found at www.nfog.org or obtained from members of the NFOG Scientific Committee (see NFOG webpage) and

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