**EFIC Fellowship for Eastern European Countries**

**What is an EFIC Fellowship?**

The EFIC fellowship is an individual grant for medical doctors to support training in the diagnosis, treatment and management of all pain related problems. The training will take place for an agreed period of time in an approved center of excellence (listed on the EFIC website). The purpose is to allow the trainee to introduce the knowledge acquired during the training into their everyday pain practice. It is expected that applicant is involved in the field of pain medicine or has a clear pathway to becoming specialist in pain medicine. The fellowship is not intended to supplement or extend applicant’s current training.The applicant must have been a member of an EFIC Chapter for at least one year before applying. A limited amount of funding is available for all fellowships, annually, and each Chapter can have a maximum of two grants approved.

**Application Information**

The call for applications will be posted on EFIC’s web page: [www.efic.org](http://www.efic.org) and will be sent to all EFIC Council Members.

The applicant is required to complete the application form, provide a CV and produce an official letter of recommendation from his/her national Chapter. The documents for EFIC Fellowship must be sent to EFIC’s Office: [secretary@efic.org](mailto:secretary@efic.org) through the national Chapter administration - NOT directly by the applicant.

All applications will be checked for completeness by the EFIC Office; they will then be forwarded to the Committee for Educational Support and the Committee for Education, for evaluation.

The final decision for approval will be made by the Executive Board of EFIC.

Once approval is given, the applicant will be notified, and will receive an agreement form which has to be completed and returned within one month. If the agreement is not sent to EFIC’s office in time, it will be assumed that the applicant will not be accepting the Fellowship offer.

If an applicant is not able to start the Fellowship for any reason it is his/her responsibility to inform his/her Chapter and EFIC Office at least 30 working days before the actual start of the Fellowship. If no notification is received during this time period, the respective national Chapter will be held responsible for 20% of the cost of the grant mentioned in the Fellowship agreement.

The call for applications will be announced on March, 15th, with a deadline of October 15th, for the following year. Successful applicants will be notified at the end of November.

The Fellowship grant cannot be transferred to another Chapter candidate or to another time period, it has to be utilized in the following year.

**Training Venues**

The Fellowship training must take place in Pain Centers selected by EFIC, which have suitable educational programs. A list of EFIC-approved Pain Centers is shown on the EFIC website. An applicant should select one or more centers, and initially discuss with them the possibility of attending, and likely dates. The Fellowship can be shared between two centers.

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