Guidelines for the International Burn Fellowship Program

A Cooperative Agreement Between

Başkent University

and

Harvard University &
Massachusetts General Hospital

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An International Burn Fellowship (IBF) Program has been established in a cooperative agreement between the Başkent University (Başkent) and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), which was the first teaching hospital for the Harvard Medical School, to share the burn expertise of its staff in acute care, reconstruction, and rehabilitation through education and training of the international community of physicians, surgeons, and other burn care providers dedicated to the care of burn injured children and adults. This unique training opportunity for highly qualified burn care providers from around the world would not only address those needs of acute injury, but also would be particularly well-positioned to support the post-burn reconstruction and rehabilitation needs of these burn-injured children and adults in developing countries. After the training, it is intended that the successful fellow will be capable to establish a regional Center of Excellence in Burn Care within their developing country for the benefit of burn patients and burn care providers.

THE BURN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The objective of the visiting clinical fellowship program is to provide training and education by dedicated burn surgeons in the management of burn resuscitation, operative planning, operative management, postoperative care, and post-hospital care of burn victims. It is intended that the following topics will be included in the training program:

- Emergency management of major and minor burns
- Surgery – when and how, and when not to perform
- Wound management
- Nutrition and metabolism, physiotherapy, positioning and splinting
- Research for finding solutions for local logistical circumstances
- Understanding cost effective pharmacotherapy
- Critical care
- Pain management
- Rehabilitation, scar management, and reconstruction
- Prevention and public education
- Training nurses and paramedics
- Learn how to evaluate and strive for continuous improvement in outcomes

OUR EXPECTATIONS

It is our expectation that the fellow who completes the program would be able to organize and direct a Burn Unit; teach the specialty body of knowledge for the comprehensive management of the burn patient to other burn care providers; and establish research and scholarship activities in burn prevention, acute care, and rehabilitation.

Given the magnitude of the global problem, it is our hope that the successful international burn fellows might serve best to train the trainers who will ultimately lead the current medical college burn units to become new Centers of Excellence and to keep current Centers of Excellence well-staffed with surgeons practicing current state-of-the-art to the extent allowed by the local resources.

TRAINING LOCATIONS AND DETAILS

The fellowship will consist of education and training for three months. The training will be provided at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America for one month and at the Başkent University Hospital in Ankara, Turkey for two months.

The fellow trainee will be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses to both training institutions (Boston, Massachusetts and Ankara, Turkey) from their home country.

The fellow trainee will receive accommodation expenses and a stipend during the fellowship.

ELIGIBILITY

The fellow trainee should be Board-certified or Board-eligible in General Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Orthopedic Surgery, or Plastic Surgery with at least one year of post-surgical training experience.

The fellow trainee should express a strong desire to work in and develop a Burn Center of Excellence in their country.

The fellow trainee would be expected to spend sufficient time to observe and learn the currently practiced skills from our Hospital staff. This would likely be accomplished by active participation with the Başkent and MGH burn teams for a minimum of 40 hours a week.

Burn care is highly dependent upon a multidisciplinary, coordinated team of highly trained health care professionals working together to ensure the best outcomes for each patient. For this reason, preference will be given to the fellow trainee who will be accompanied by a chief nurse (registered nurse) from the same hospital to receive concurrent training. Travel reimbursement, accommodation expenses, and a stipend would also be provided for the nurse.

Following completion of the fellowship, the fellow would agree to complete a written evaluation of the fellowship experience to demonstrate learning of the topics presented in the training program and to provide feedback about the program.

Upon successful completion of the fellowship, a diploma and a letter of completion will be provided to the fellow and nurse.

DEADLINES AND SUBMISSION DETAILS

The program will grant one or two fellowships each year based upon the qualifications of the applicant pool.

The candidate will complete and submit an International Burn Fellowship application for competitive review.
Upon selection of the fellow trainee and nurse, s/he, in good faith, will enroll in the fellowship program.

The completed fellowship application will include the following components:

- Curriculum vitae
- Personal statement of professional goals and how the IBF Program will promote those goals
- Copy of your medical school diploma and medical license
- Letter of recommendation from your residency program director
- Copy of any professional surgical organization certifications (for example, FRCS or FACS)
- Certified or notarized English translations of the required documents if originally written in a language other than English
- Letter of recommendation from your physician or surgeon sponsor, who is thoroughly familiar with your work. In addition, we require a letter from your Hospital Director or his/her designee who is a leader and will be responsible to supervise your role in your Hospital. Both letters should include the writer's opinion of your professional, academic, and personal qualifications, as well as an opinion of your potential success in the field of burns and the potential for developing a Center of Excellence in Burns for your country.
- Official test transcripts for all applicable examinations USMLE, LMCC, NOMLEX, NBIOME, FMGEMS, FLEX, or NBME are strongly preferred, but not required. Scanned copies are acceptable.

For a registered nurse who will be training with the surgeon, a copy of the nursing school diploma and nursing license, and a letter of support from the local hospital administration is required.

(Please Print or Type)

APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL BURN FELLOWSHIP POSITION

NAME (First, Middle, Last)					EMAIL
PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, Postal Code, Country)					TELEPHONE
PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS					MOBILE PHONE
SEX	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE			CITIZENSHIP
TYPE	SCHOOL/ HOSPITAL	ADDRESS	DATES ATTENDED FROM	DATES ATTENDED TO	DEGREE/TYPE/ SPECIALTY
PRE MED					
MEDICAL					
GRADUATE					
INTERNSHIP					
RESIDENCY					
CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP					

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXPERIENCE WITH DATES (research fellowships, practice, etc)

CHIEF NURSE TO ACCOMPANY FELLOW TRAINEE

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS

SPONSORING INSTITUTION

NAME	ADDRESS

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE: I certify that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the fellowship award if an award is issued as a result of this application.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE

BRIEF PERSONAL STATEMENT (describe your professional goals and how the IBF Program would promote the goals)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES (residency director, physician/surgeon sponsor, and hospital administrator)

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS
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PROPOSED FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PERIOD

	REQUESTED DATES		
	FROM	TO	The fellowship training will be provided at Massachusetts General Hospital for one month and Başkent University for two months.
Başkent University Ankara, Turkey			
Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, Massachusetts, USA			

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mail or fax this application to:

   Ronald G. Tompkins, M.D., Sc.D., FACS
   Chief, Sumner Redstone Burn Center and Sumner Redstone Professor of Surgery
   Massachusetts General Hospital
   55 Fruit St., GRB 1302, Boston, MA 02114-2696 (USA)
   Office fax #: 617-643-4443

2. Include your Curriculum Vitae with the application.
3. Please be sure that the letters of reference are sent directly to Dr. Ronald Tompkins.

CONTACT

For more information about the fellowship program,
please contact:

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