



# FPMS Fellowship First Initiative

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## **FLORIDA PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION - FELLOWSHIP TRAINING INITIATIVE**

- Encourage the initiation of fellowship training opportunities in the state of FL
- Plant the seed today for Florida's future thought leaders, innovators, educators and researchers
- Coordinate fellowship educational and research activities
- Facilitate recognition status with both ACFAS and CPME recognized and approval statuses
- Creation of the Florida Foot & Ankle Fellowship Society to link all current, future and alumni fellows together for ongoing professional networking, focused, fellow-driven and advanced training surgical workshops/labs and meetings in the state of Florida
- Continue to push for educational parity amongst advanced trained foot and ankle specialists (MD, DO, & DPM)
- Creation of an education/research fund to allow for industry to invest via educational/research grants into the furthering of fellow focused educational and research activities
- Achieve and maintain a charitable 501c3 status with a special FFAFS fellowship fund where educational grants/donations may be made via Industry

## **INDUSTRY FUNDING**

- Solicit educational and research grants from industry
- Funds to be allocated to Florida-based fellowship programs who qualify for ACFAS recognition or CPME approval for the following activities:
  - Fellowship initiation assistance to seed new advanced foot and ankle training opportunities in the state of Florida
  - Research – authoring papers, posters and article submission
  - Offset costs of doing an approved medical mission during fellowship
  - Allocation of funds to offset alternative site training such as national or global mini-fellowships or fellows exchange
  - Sponsorship of educational activities in local communities such as hosting journal clubs, case presentations, and cadaver workshops

- Assist with costs associated with funding a fellow’s health insurance, medical malpractice, and state and national association fees
- Hosting of an all-fellow activity at home training site
- Funding for Fellow-driven educational conferences
  - Fill podium spots for state sponsored speaking opportunities (SAM Seminar)
  - Creation of a new annual FPFS conference aimed at all current Florida fellows, alumni and fellowship faculty (Initiated at 2020 SAM Seminar)
- Funding available to each site will be based on the average total cost per participating Florida fellowship programs.
  - Each program will be entitled to access funding for up to 50% of its total costs (based on averages of all participating programs) which includes: stipend for the fellow, benefits such as malpractice and health insurance, a \$2,500 CME stipend to cover costs of attending ACFAS and SAM seminars, FPMA and ACFAS dues, hospital application fees, and miscellaneous items such as surgical loupes, textbooks, and specialty instruments.
- Applications for funding will be reviewed by the FPMA ad hoc fellowship committee and approvals will be granted based on the satisfactory meeting of established FPMA Fellowship requirements.

### **FLORIDA PODIATRIC FELLOWSHIP INITIATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

- Fellowship site must qualify for either ACFAS recognition or CPME approval
- Director must be a member of APMA/FPMA and ACFAS
- Director must be responsible of 50% of the fellows training (the remaining 50% can be with adjunctive fellowship faculty)
- Director must be ABFAS Certified in both Foot Surgery and Rearfoot and Ankle Surgery
- Fellow must participate in research and submit two publishable articles to peer reviewed literature. This can include poster presentations at ACFAS or participation in an active study
- Fellowship must be conducted in a positive manner to elevate the quality of training for the fellow, increase awareness of advanced podiatric education opportunities to surrounding facilities (hospitals and surgery center), and should instill a desire to “give back” to both the community and profession.
- Fellowship director may not directly benefit from any FPMA fellowship funding.