



2022-2023 Fellow CME scholarship application FAQs (8/1/22)

1. *When is the application period for 2022-2023 Q1/Q2 Fellow CME scholarships?*

Application period opens – Monday, August 1, 2022

Application period closes – Friday, August 26, 2022, 5pm CDT

2. *Who qualifies for an OMeGA Fellow CME scholarship?*

OMeGA fellow CME scholarships are available to orthopaedic clinical fellows training in US teaching programs. Given a limited start-up, OMeGA will award up to one scholarship per orthopaedic teaching institution per academic year. The fellow should apply for the scholarship, not an institution representative (ie: program director/coordinator, etc).

3. *Is there an application fee to apply for a scholarship?*

Yes. A \$20 application fee must be paid by the fellow applicant before starting the application process to receive a 5-character order number. The 5-character order number is found on the [receipt](#) sent to the email address associated with the AOA ID used to pay the application fee. (Applicants do not need to be AOA members.) This order number can be used for only one LOI/application, is unique to the application, and will be used throughout the process. Click on [AOA Store](#) to pay the application fee.

4. *What information is requested on the application?*

The application will request contact information for yourself, your program director, and coordinator. You will be asked to provide your budget request for registration, travel, and lodging. You must select the conference for which you are applying and explain what you hope to learn at this meeting. You will also be asked to provide a short recommendation letter from your program director. The letter should indicate why he/she believes this meeting is a strong fit for you and provide permission for you to attend this meeting in its entirety.

5. *I paid the application fee and logged into the GLM so why don't I see the LOI (Letter of Inquiry) or application?*

After the application fee is paid and you've registered/logged into the GLM, click on "Apply" at the top of your "Applicant Dashboard." Then click on the blue and white "Apply" link to populate the LOI/application.

6. When do I complete the LOI (Letter of Inquiry)?

Once the application fee has been paid, a 5-character order number will be emailed to the address associated with the AOA ID used to pay the application fee. Log into the [OMeGA Scholarship GLM](#) to complete the LOI. The LOI must be reviewed and approved by OMeGA before you have access to the application. Allow 1-2 business days for OMeGA's review.

7. I am having difficulty viewing all my text online. Is there something I can do to view all text?

Some application questions are answered in a textbox. To view all text entered as well as formatting/spacing, click and drag the three small diagonal lines at the bottom right corner of the textbox.

8. Can I save or print my LOI and Application?

Yes. Click on "LOI Packet" or "Application Packet" (depending on the step you're working on) found at the top of the form and a pdf of the document and attachments will be generated. View your entire application in the pdf. You can print and/or save the pdf to your computer.

9. Can the program director or coordinator apply on behalf of the fellow?

The fellow should apply for the scholarship directly. The program director/coordinator may assist the fellow to gather the information needed for the scholarship application. OMeGA scholarships are awarded to the fellow, not the fellowship program.

10. Why is program director and coordinator contact information required?

This information will be used only if the fellow cannot be reached. They do not have access to the LOI/application information unless the fellow provides them with his/her login information.

11. What expenses are covered by an OMeGA CME fellow scholarship?

Covered expenses are the supported fellow's meeting registration (if applicable), travel related directly to the meeting attendance, and lodging specific for the dates needed for the awarded meeting attendance.

12. What expenses are not covered by an OMeGA CME scholarship?

Non-covered expenses include food and beverage; travel and lodging relating to activity outside of the Recipient's agreed upon meeting and meeting dates; or other expenses prohibited by the Agreement.

13. Must I attend the entire meeting?

The entire meeting must be attended. OMeGA's partners have put considerable time and effort into preparing well-rounded meetings and we encourage scholarship recipients to take full advantage of this educational opportunity.

14. When will I be notified if I have been awarded a scholarship?

Award notifications will be sent September 7 - September 9, 2022.

15. Why are there no options for fellows in other subspecialties?

OMeGA did not receive funding in all subspecialties. This is the inaugural cycle for these scholarships and OMeGA will continue to solicit for donations across all orthopaedic subspecialties. If your subspecialty is not included, fellows are encouraged to apply for one of the general education meetings.

16. Why are some meetings marked for “complimentary registration” and others are not?

Several of OMeGA’s partners have shown their support for fellowship education and offered OMeGA scholarship applicants’ complimentary registration for their meetings. When the meeting registration has not been offered to be waived by the organization, a portion of your award (up to \$2,000) must be used to cover the meeting registration fee.

17. What is required for reconciliation?

The online final report is due 30 days following the conclusion of the attended meeting. (Reports for attendance at meetings late in the calendar year must be submitted by December 10, 2022.) The final report submitted through the online grant management system should confirm Recipient’s attendance at the chosen meeting, provide a 300–500-word essay describing the benefits of attending the meeting (without indicating device or manufacturer names), reconcile expenses up to the awarded amount, and attest that the expenses submitted are accurate and have not been/will not be reimbursed by another entity.

18. Will I have to submit receipts as part of the reconciliation process?

Itemized receipts supporting CME expenditures will not be required for reconciliation but must be retained in the event of a random audit. You will be required to return the awarded funds if you are selected to provide receipts and are unable to do so.

19. When will the application period open for the second half of the 2022-2023 academic year?

The Q3/Q4 application period will open on Monday, November 7, 2022, and close on Friday, December 9, 2022.

20. What are the meetings that will be eligible in the second half of the 2022-2023 academic year?

Current covered meetings in the second half of the 2022-2023 academic year include:

- + Orthopaedic Research Society (ORS), February 11-14, 2023, Dallas, Texas (complimentary registration)
- + American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), March 7-11, 2023, Las Vegas, Nevada (support for registration, travel, and lodging)
- + Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society, March 7-11, 2023, Las Vegas, Nevada (support for registration, travel, and lodging)
- + J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society, March 7-11, 2023, Las Vegas, Nevada (support for registration, travel, and lodging)
- + Lumbar Spine Research Society (LSRS), March 9-10, 2023, Las Vegas, Nevada (support for registration, travel, and lodging)

- + Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) – IMAST, March 22-24, 2023, Dublin, Ireland (complimentary registration and support for travel and lodging)
- + Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA), April 26-29, 2023, Nashville, Tennessee (support for registration, travel, and lodging)
- + American Orthopaedic Association Emerging Leaders Program (AOA), June 13-14, 2023, Salt Lake City, Utah (complimentary registration and support for travel and lodging)
- + American Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting (AOA), June 14-17, 2023, Salt Lake City, Utah (complimentary registration and support for travel and lodging)

21. Who can I contact if I have questions?

Email info@omegamedicalgrants.org or visit www.omegamedicalgrants.org for more information.