



Announcement to Apply for Residency & Fellowship Training Abroad

Oman Medical Specialty Board (OMSB) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for Residency & Fellowship Training Abroad for Omani physicians as follows:

- 1) For physicians wishing to start the training in 2018 (except for France, where the training will commence in November 2017)
- 2) For physicians wishing to extend their current scholarships abroad OR applying for fellowships, so they will start training in 2018. Extending the scholarship depends on the approval of the sponsoring institution.

General Requirements:

- 1) Application is open for all Omani physicians in different healthcare institutions.
- 2) The program applied for must be accredited in the country of training.
- 3) The training is preferred to take place in English speaking countries (Canada, USA, New Zealand, UK, Australia and Ireland), in addition to France.
- 4) Physicians can apply to Saudi Arabia and Qatar only for residency training in Anesthesia and Obstetrics & Gynecology.
- 5) All applications will be processed and approved through the Higher National Committee for Advanced Medical Training (supervised by Oman Medical Specialty Board-OMSB) in line with healthcare needs of Oman.
- 6) The training program applied for must be CLINICAL and only for residency and fellowship programs.
- 7) The Higher National Committee for Advanced Medical Training is responsible for approving the countries and specialties in accordance with the healthcare needs in Oman.
- 8) The applicants are prioritized according to the list provided by their employing institutions and according to the review of the Higher National Committee for Advanced Medical Training.

- 9) Any approval given by OMSB to the applicants will be deemed provisional. The final approval is only given after the Committee reviews the offer along with the curriculum of the training program that the applicant will receive from abroad. The final approval is also subject to the availability of funds.
- 10) Priority is given to the training programs not available in OMSB.

Requirements for Applying for Residency Training Abroad:

- 1) The application for residency abroad must take place during the following periods:
 - For OMSB residents:
 - Within the first or second academic year at most (for programs that run for 5 years or longer).
 - Within the first academic year at most (for programs that run for 4 years).
 - For non-OMSB physicians: within three years at most after completing the internship.
- 2) The applicant must have passed all exams required by the country or the training institution s/he applies for.
- 3) The applicant must have the score of language proficiency test required by the country or the training institution s/he applies for.
- 4) The applicant must provide three (3) recommendation letters not older than 2 years from Consultants.
- 5) Applicants for residency in France must also apply through the French Embassy website in Muscat. Details can be found on <http://www.ambafrance-om.org/Medical-specialisation-IN-FRANCE>. This is *in addition* to sending their complete applications as explained below. Priority in France is given to Neurosurgery, Urology, Cardiac Surgery, Plastic Surgery and Neurology.

Requirements for Applying for Fellowship (sub-specialty) Abroad:

- 1) The applicant must have completed a residency program and obtained "Completion of Training Certificate" and "Specialty Certificate" from Oman Medical Specialty Board or equivalent abroad.
- 2) The applicant must have passed all exams required by the country or the training institution.

- 3) The applicant must have the score of language proficiency test required by the country or the training institution s/he applies for.
- 4) The applicant must provide three (3) recommendation letters not older than 2 years from Consultants.

How to Apply:

- 1) Printing out the Application Form from the OMSB website (International Office webpage): www.omsb.org .
- 2) **For OMSB Residents:** the resident must apply through the Education Committee of his/her program- attaching the Application Form with the required documents.
- 3) **Ministry of Health physicians:** physicians must submit the Application Form with the required documents to et.dir.trg@gmail.com, with a No Objection Letter from their concerned Directorate General.
- 4) **Ministry of Defense physicians:** physicians must apply to the Armed Forces Medical Services Office with the Application Form and required documents.
- 5) **SQU physicians:** physicians must apply to the Training Committee at SQUH- attaching the Application Form with the required documents.
- 6) **Diwan of Royal Court physicians:** physicians must apply to the Directorate General of Medical Services - attaching the Application Form with the required documents.
- 7) **Physicians from Other Government/Non-Government Institutions:** physicians must send the Application Form and the required documents to med-scholarships@omsb.org

For more information and inquiry, please contact Scholarship Affairs Section in Oman Medical Specialty Board: 24181012, 24181156, 24181047, 24181039.

Application deadline is 18 January 2016.
Applications received later this date will not be considered.