



RCPCH VISITING FELLOWSHIPS 2023/2024

Since 1994, Members of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (formerly the British Paediatric Association) have contributed to a fund for Visiting Fellowships for paediatricians from other countries. Applications are also open to nurses working on the field of Paediatrics or Neonatology.

Members of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health are encouraged to stimulate applications from eligible candidates and to assist by arranging a clinical attachment where this is appropriate.

The Fellowships, based in the UK, will last for 5 weeks from the 22nd March 2024 to the 26th April 2024. Successful Visiting Fellows will be invited to attend the RCPCH annual conference (25th – 27th March 2024).

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The RCPCH Visiting Fellowships are awarded to enable paediatric clinicians from abroad, who need financial assistance, to spend up to six weeks visiting clinical centres in the UK.

ASHOK NATHWANI VISITING FELLOWSHIP

The Ashok Nathwani Visiting Fellowship was established in 2001 and supports one Fellowship to be awarded every year in memory of Dr Ashok Nathwani, Fellow of the College, who was killed in the Indian earthquake in January 2001.

DONALD COURT VISITING FELLOWSHIP

The Donald Court Travel Fund was established in 1996. It is administered jointly by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and BACCH (British Association for Community Child Health). It supports one Fellowship to be awarded every year in memory of Professor Donald Court, former President of the British Paediatric Association.

DAVID BAUM VISITING FELLOWSHIP

The David Baum visiting fellowship was established in 2015 and supports one fellowship to be awarded every year in memory of Professor David Baum, former president of the RCPCH, who died in a cycling accident whilst raising money for the wellbeing of children in the war-torn Balkans.

REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

1. Selection for Visiting Fellowships is made once a year. Applications must be sent to the following email address:
global@rcpch.ac.uk
Please note that RCPCH email addresses cannot accept very large files or attachments. Please use PDFs or Word documents only. Please limit the number of attachments for each email. You will receive an email confirmation acknowledging receipt of your application. If you do not receive a confirmation email within a week of submitting your application please assume that your application hasn't been received.
2. **The deadline for this fellowship is 13th October 2023 (12pm GMT)**
3. Partly completed applications or applications submitted after this date will not be considered. A Visiting Fellowship cannot be held concurrently with any other comparable awards or scholarships.
4. Successful applicants will be;
 - A) Paediatricians who have reached the equivalent of a consultant post, but will be in the early to mid-years of their career
 - B) Nurses with at least 3 years' experience working in the field of Paediatrics or neonatology.
5. Applicants should include, within the space provided on the application form, a concise summary of no more than 750 words giving one or more examples of ways in which they have been working in their home institution to improve clinical practice for child health, what they hope to gain from the Fellowship, and indicating the way in which the Fellowship will be helpful when they return home.
6. Priority will generally be given to applicants who are not otherwise likely to be able to visit the United Kingdom.
7. All travel expenses to the UK at the most economical rate, registration and accommodation at the RCPCH Annual Conference and accommodation during your clinical attachment will be covered by the Visiting Fellowship. **The Fellowship does not cover the expenses of any accompanying person(s).**
8. Candidates may only apply for one College Fellowship per year.

9. Further details and application forms are obtainable from our website <https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/resources/visiting-fellowships-global-child-health-about-how-apply>

Judging Criteria

The RCPCH will wish to make awards to the most suitable applicants who will be able to use their award to their own maximum benefit and, to an extent, to the benefit of the College's international work. If no suitable applicant can be identified then the award may not be made in any given year.

In the case of this award, the judging panel will take into consideration the following criteria:

- a) Paediatricians who have reached the equivalent of a consultant post, but will be in the early to mid-years of their career.
- b) Nurses with at least 3 years of relevant experience in Paediatrics or Neonatology
- c) Generally applicants not otherwise likely to be able to visit the United Kingdom
- d) Quality of proposal with concise summary of their interests and needs
- e) Plan for use of the Fellowship on their return home.

The judging panel will be mindful of the requirement for:

- A.** No concurrent awards or scholarships;
- B.** No other application for a College Fellowship that year (A successful application for different RCPCH Fellowship in a previous year does not preclude an award, but may mitigate against any further award).
- C.** Letters of support from the candidate's head of department are essential;