



The Norman Bethune Orthopaedic Travel Scholarship – Wenzhou, China COA MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

Introduction:

The Second Affiliated Hospital of the Wenzhou Medical University (WMU), previously called the Norman Bethune Hospital, is a large, academic training centre offering a funded 2-week interactive orthopaedic experience in Wenzhou, China. The WMU has had a Canadian connection for many years with Canadian surgeons visiting and teaching under the auspices of Health Volunteer Overseas (HVO). This HVO program has been under the directorship of Dr. Alan Giachino, of Ottawa, in association with WMU surgeons Prof. Xu Huazi and Prof. Gao Weiyang. The COA acknowledges the generosity of Professors Xu and Gao in offering this scholarship.

The Department of Orthopaedics of The Second Affiliated Hospital of WMU has 10 wards, more than 400 beds and over 107 orthopaedic surgeons. As the largest orthopaedic research center in Zhejiang Province, the Orthopaedics Department ranks first in both scale and volume: the outpatients and ER volume in 2015 reached 193,500 and the inpatients volume was 13,438. The Orthopaedics Department performed 13,821 operations last year with an average utilization ratio of beds of 112.49%.

The aim of this scholarship is to forge bonds and exchange knowledge between China and Canada. The program is intended for an established Canadian orthopaedic surgeon, of any age, who is a COA member and who ideally has experience teaching residents. Orthopaedic subspecialty training will be provided in one or more of the following areas: **Trauma, Sports Medicine, MSK Oncology, Upper Extremity, Spine, Foot & Ankle, Paediatric Orthopaedics, and Adult Reconstruction**. Scholars will provide consultations in outpatient clinics, participate in ward rounds, deliver lectures and perform surgeries as appropriate. There will not be emergency call or nighttime hours involved. The schedule will require two full work weeks and two weekends. Preference will be given to surgeons working in a resident training program and/or with subspecialty expertise.

Wenzhou is a port city surrounded by mountains in Southeast China with a population of about 9 million people. WMU will provide accommodations (at a furnished, air-conditioned hotel near the hospital) plus return economy airfare. Spouses are welcome, however paid airfare is not offered to the spouse. Local food will also be provided, as well as transportation to or from the airport or train stations. Other incidental costs are at the expense of the applicant. Candidates must speak intermediate English, and local translation will be provided as necessary. Local hosts will provide orientation to Wenzhou and its healthcare system.

The dates of travel, topics for lectures, and other logistics are coordinated by communications between the successful applicant and the Wenzhou designated host, with the aid of the COA Office. Recommended travel periods are in the fall, later winter or spring.

This scholarship may be offered on an annual basis, subject to availability.

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CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

1. Orthopaedic subspecialty interest and expertise
2. Teaching interest and experience
3. Willingness to prepare a series of lectures/presentations/cases based on subspecialty
4. Cultural resiliency or experience working in alternative/austere environments (recommended but not mandatory)
5. Colleague support, demonstrated by two (2) letters of reference

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

The applicant:

1. Should have his/her FRCSC in orthopaedic surgery or an equivalent qualification
2. Should be a Canadian citizen
3. Should have an established career in orthopaedic surgery (though there is no age requirement for application)
4. Should ideally work and teach in a university training environment
5. Must be a member of the Canadian Orthopaedic Association in good standing.
6. Must speak intermediate English, in order to communicate with local hosts, whose second language is typically English.
7. Will be required to sign a waiver of liability and indemnity if selected.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please send the following to Trinity Wittman at trinity@canorth.org by **August 1, 2017**, with the words '**Norman Bethune Scholarship**' in the subject line.

1. A recent version of your **curriculum vitae**, including your email address, mailing address and date of birth.
2. A **letter of intent** (350-550 words) outlining your interest in the scholarship, previous relevant experience, and how you will apply the knowledge learned overseas.
3. At the bottom of the page within your letter of intent, please clearly identify the name and email address of your two reference persons.
4. A recent photograph
5. **Two (2) reference letters** from orthopaedic colleagues, preferably members of the COA, who are familiar with your work. Letters should be submitted on department letterhead.

For this year, the opportunity is open to **one (1)** successful candidate. The successful candidate will be selected by the COAGS Committee and notified by the COA office accordingly. If you have specific questions or would like to get in touch with a colleague who has previously travelled to Wenzhou, please contact trinity@canorth.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2017

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE COA GLOBAL SURGERY PROGRAM
AND THE NORMAN BETHUNE SCHOLARSHIP.**