Ungethüm-Aesculap Foundation
Cardiac Surgery Fellowship Program

Introduction to Ungethüm-Aesculap Foundation

The Ungethüm-Aesculap Foundation was setup by Professor Dr. Michael Ungethüm, in 2003, on the occasion of his 60th birthday. The mission of the foundation is to promote science and research as well as education and training. This is realized in practice by granting sponsorships for hospitalization of foreign surgeons, mainly from Asia, at various German Universities, focusing on medical subjects in cooperation with faculties of engineering. With effect from 2011, the Foundation is offering two fellowships for Indian surgeons in the field of CTVS surgery.

2012 Fellowship Awardees

Dr. Lt. Col. Rajeshwar Sharma
attended the fellowship program at University Hospital, Heidelberg, Germany.

Dr. Bipeenchandra Bhamre
attended the fellowship program at University Hospital, Sana Herzchirurgie, Stuttgart, Germany.

The Management Board of the Foundation according to the status comprises of –

- Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Ungethüm (Chairman for life)
- Dr. Harald Stallforth (Member of the Management Board of Aesculap AG)
- The actual Ordinate for Visceral Surgery at the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg (presently Prof. Dr. Med. Ulrich Hopt)
- The actual Ordinate of the 11th (Engineering) Faculty of the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg or Director of the Institute named by him (presently Prof. Dr. Ing. Thomas Stieglitz)

The AESCULAP brand of B.Braun is well recognized by surgeons in India for the highest quality surgical instruments. The cardiac-surgery fellowships offered by the Ungethüm-Aesculap foundation is one more way in which it is now adding value to Indian CTVS surgeons.

For any further queries about the fellowship and for sending your applications please contact –

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**Fellowship Objectives**

The mission of the Fellowship is to provide specialized training & experience in global practices for adult cardiothoracic surgery, with an emphasis on aortic surgery in an environment that stresses clinical excellence. This fellowship includes a focused clinical experience, which includes but is not limited to: treatment of aortic disease (aneurysms and dissections) utilizing both open and endovascular techniques; treatment of coronary and valvular disorders; treatment of pulmonary, esophageal, mediastinal, chest wall, diaphragmatic, and other cardiovascular disorders; as well as the use of cardiac and respiratory support devices.

**Specific goals and objectives include:**

I. Providing trainees with knowledge and technical skills in the preoperative evaluation, operative management, and post-operative care of patients with aortic and cardiac diseases. The fellowship further prepares fellows to function as qualified practitioners of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the highest level of performance expected of trained specialists.

II. Helping fellows to become skilled in interpreting all appropriate imaging studies used to assess patients with aortic, cardiac, pulmonary, thoracic, vascular, mediastinal, and chest wall disease. This aspect of training is enhanced by daily opportunities to correlate the diagnostic and pathologic aspects of cardiothoracic disorders.

III. Exposing the fellows to skills in providing critical care for patients with aortic, cardiac, thoracic and cardiovascular disorders.

With effect from the year 2011, the foundation has agreed to offer 2 fellowships every year to candidates from India. The foundation reserves the right to withdraw this at any time without notice.

**Fellowship Details**

- The fellowship would be for a duration of 4 weeks at a University Hospital in Germany or Switzerland. The foundation's decision regarding the location and the schedule will be final. During the period of Fellowship the fellow would be bound by the rules and regulations of the host hospital.
- All relevant costs of the selected candidates, as detailed below, for the period of the fellowship would be borne by the foundation.
  - Visa charges and Compulsory Health Insurance Premium.
  - Economy class Air travel from the airport nearest to the specified address of the selected candidate to the airport nearest to the location of hospitation.
  - Land transport to and from the nearest airport to the location of accommodation arranged for the fellow.
  - Accommodation near the University.
  - Daily allowance of Euros 50 (for food & other expenses).
  - Consolidated Stipend of Euros 1000.

All other expenditures, both local (in India) or international, would be the responsibility of the selected fellow.

**Applicant Eligibility Criteria**

- The candidate must be an Indian citizen and employed in India for the previous 2 years.
- The candidates must be proficient in spoken and written English since all the verbal & written information would be disseminated in this medium.
- The candidate must have a history of medical education without failure till the Post Graduation level.
- The candidate must have completed M.Ch in Cardio-Vascular surgery.
Application Form

An application form is enclosed with this prospectus. The prospectus and applications form can also be obtained as a PDF file by sending an e-mail to B. Braun Medical Trust Foundation –
(jagdishchandra.mody@bbraun.com)
The last date for submission of completed applications will be 15th December every year. This deadline will not be extended under any circumstance for application submissions. Interested candidates are thus advised not to wait till the last date to send in their applications.

Application Fees

Every application must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of ₹ 1,000 (Indian Rupees One Thousand only) in the form of a Demand Draft drawn in favor of “B.Braun Medical Trust Foundation” and payable at Mumbai.

B. Braun Medical Trust foundation is a nonprofit organization, which operates without government financial assistance.

Application Tips

The candidates should ensure that their applications do not fail to highlight their most important achievements in detail. This will provide the Advisory Committee members with a complete profile in terms of –

- The academic achievements (i.e. marks obtained in the M.Ch & MS)
- Expertise & knowledge acquired in the field of Cardio Thoracic Surgery
- Recognitions and Awards
- Presentations in Congresses
- Publication in National or International Journals

All applicants must get the application endorsed by The HOD or Medical Superintendent or Dean or Principal of Medical College / Institute or Hospital where they are currently engaged.

The applicant must also carefully select an reference familiar with the candidate's academic or professional career, such as current or past teacher, principal, HOD etc., who can attest the candidate's scholarly abilities and issue a recommendation letter. Applications which are not endorsed or not accompanied by a recommendation letter would be summarily rejected.

Candidates must also mention details of any community service performed by them, which would be considered favorably by the Advisory Committee Members.

Check List of Documents

Please use the check list below to help you keep track of the documents you are submitting with the application. Since all the submitted documents become the property of the trust and are retained in its records, please do not send any originals. Documents sent via e-mail are not acceptable.

Self attested photocopies of -

- a. Proof of citizenship of India (Valid passport/driving license/PAN card/ voter ID card)
- b. Certificate and Marks sheet of all medical degrees upto MCh in CTVS.
- c. Citations, Awards won at University level.
- d. Certificates / letters received from the organizing committee of Zonal/ National / International Level Congresses/Presentations made in Conferences.
In original –

g. Recommendation from an individual familiar with your academic career, such as teacher, principal, Head of the department or someone who can attest your abilities.

h. An NOC from the HOD or MS or Hospital Management where currently engaged, stating that if the candidate is selected by the foundation, then he or she would be permitted to attend the program as scheduled.

i. A declaration signed by the candidate that in case he/she is unable to complete the offered fellowship program after commencement, for any reason whatsoever, all costs incurred on him/her by the foundation would be recoverable from him/her.

Others –

j. Recent Passport Sized Photograph (One copy).

k. Demand draft of ₹ 1,000 drawn in favor of "B. Braun Medical Trust Foundation" and payable at Mumbai.

Pre-selection

The selection of the fellowship award recipients from among all applications received will be conducted through a two stage selection process.

All the applications received would be first verified by an executive team of 3 members appointed by the foundation in India. All 3 members of the executive team will first check each application as per the checklist for completeness and eligibility. Only applications verified and accepted by all 3 members will move to the next rating stage.

Accepted applications will be rated by the same executive team jointly as per the below list by giving points and arriving at a weighted score.

- Experience certificate from HOD for last 2 years stating the number of cases that the applicant has –
  
  o 10 pts for 200 cases observed
  o 15 pts for 200 cases assisted

- % Marks obtained in MS (10 points) and M.Ch examination (15 points)

- Publications in reputed Journals (5 points per publication, max 15 points)

- Presentations/Poster presentation in International congresses (5 pts each) and National Level Congresses (3 pts each) for max. 15 points

- Professional Awards or Recognitions received (5 per award, max 20 points)

Ten applications with the highest scores would be then short listed and sent to all the selection committee members for further evaluation & final selection.

Final Selection

The foundation will appoint an Advisory Committee in India which would have maximum 12 members consisting of Professionals / Academicians from across the country representing the field of Cardio Thoracic & Vascular Surgery. From within the advisory committee, a selection committee of 7 members would be appointed. The selection committee will select a Chairman from among themselves, who would head the selection committee & facilitate the process to award the fellowships.

The ten candidates short listed through the rating process in the Pre-selection stage will be holistically evaluated by the Selection Committee members. Each candidate’s application will be evaluated by each selection committee member separately and rated on a scale of 10. The final score for each application will be arrived at by rejecting the highest and the lowest scores and calculating the average of the rest. Top two scorers will receive the foundation fellowship.

The decision of the foundation will be final and binding for all applicants in all matters related to the fellowship.