

The NFOG FUND, Call for applications, 4th round. The next deadline is March 1st 2012



The NFOG General Assembly at the the 37th Nordic Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology in June 2010 in Copenhagen decided to establish the **NFOG Fund** which replaces the NFOG Visitor and Collaborative Programs and provides support for a wider range of activities.

Purpose:

The purpose of the NFOG Fund is to support further development of professional skills, research, and clinical and scientific collaboration in the fields of obstetrics and gynecology within the Nordic countries.

Who can apply:

Members of the national societies of NFOG who are specialists in obstetrics and gynecology or trainees who have completed two years of specialist training (at the time of application deadline) .

The following fields within obstetrics and gynecology can be covered:

- 1: Clinical or scientific visits outside country of residence with the purpose of improving skills and/or developing and sharing expertise.
- 2: Voluntary or project work in developing countries.
- 3: Courses outside the applicant's country of residence.
- 4: Collaborative clinical or scientific projects between members of the national societies of NFOG.
- 5: Each national society can apply once per year for the coverage of expenses to bring one lecturer from another Nordic country to speak at one annual meeting arranged by the society.

In case the number of applications exceed the funding, applications regarding activities within the Nordic countries will have the highest priority. In general, support is given for one year at a time and for no longer than three years with a new updated application for each year.

The grants will cover:

- Course fee.
- Traveling expenses: Public transport, air fare on economy class, only one return ticket.
- Modest accommodation. For longer visits hotels are not accepted. Accommodation will only be covered for the duration of the stay and no longer than one month.
- Meeting expenses for collaborative projects (point 4 above)
- Modest expenses required in order to work in developing countries (point 2 above)
- Only expenses of NFOG members will be covered by the grants. This rule does not apply for lecturers at societies annual meetings (point 5),

Grants will not be given for:

- Congresses, symposias, pre and post congress courses.
- Courses arranged by NFOG.
- Salaries or daily allowances
- Training of other professions than gynecologists/obstetricians.

- Only future activities will be considered for support i.e. must take place after the deadline of application. Retrospective applications will not be taken into consideration.

Application must include:

- The NFOG Fund application form which can be found at www.nfog.org , including applicant's motivations and reasons for applying.
- Short Curriculum Vitae (no more than two pages). In collaborative projects, short CV from the principal investigator of each participating Nordic country
- Detailed budget.
- Copy of course announcement
- In collaborative projects, short description of the research / clinical project, including information on appropriate approvals. Total length up to five pages.
- In case of course or clinical visit: letter of recommendation from head of department.
- In case of clinical visit or voluntary work: acceptance letter from head of department at the clinic where the visit is to take place or the organization which is responsible for the program.
- Information on whether or not the applicant has applied for or received other grants for the same purpose, and how much.

A short written report to the NFOG Board must be send to the NFOG Treasurer (lousen@dadlnet.dk) and the Scientific Committee (nfogfund@nfog.org) within 3 months after the activity. The report may be published on the Website. Expenses will be refunded, when the NFOG Treasurer receives documentation of expenses and the written report. Claim form can be found at www.nfog.org.

Deadline for applications

Application deadlines are March 1st and October 1st each year. Applicants will be notified within two months of the application dates. **The next deadline is March 1st 2012:**

Applications must be submitted as a single file, with file named with applicant's name to nfogfund@nfog.org.

Further information can be obtained from members of the NFOG Scientific Committee and Alexander Kr Smáráson, Chairman of the Scientific Committee, e-mail: alexanders@fsa.is.