

The NFOG FUND, First call for applications (1st October 2010)



The NFOG General Assembly at the the 37th Nordic Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology 15-18 June in Copenhagen decided to establish the new **NFOG Fund**. It will replace the NFOG Visitor and Collaborative Programs and provide 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.

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.

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 applicants country of residence.
- 4:** Collaborative clinical or scientific projects between members of the national societies of NFOG.
- 5:** Each national society can apply yearly for the coverage of expenses to bring one lecturer from another Nordic country to speak at the society's annual meeting.

In case the number of applications exceed the funding, applications regarding activities within the Nordic countries will have the highest priority.

Grants will not be given for:

- Congresses, symposias, pre and post congress courses.
- Courses arranged by NFOG.
- Training of other professions than gynaecologists/obstetricians.
- Only future activities will be considered for support. Retrospective applications will not be taken into consideration.

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.
- Salary or daily allowance shall not be covered.
- Meeting expenses for the collaborative projects (point 4 above)

- Except for lecturers at societies annual meetings (point 5), only expenses of NFOG members will be covered by the grants.

Application must include:

- 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 (point 3)
- In collaborative projects, short description of the research / clinical project, including information on appropriate approvals. Total length up to five pages.
- Letter of recommendation from head of department, including comment in relation to the budget of the clinic (points 1-3).
- 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 who 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 within 3 months after the activity. The report will be published on the Website. Expenses will be refunded, when the NFOG Treasurer receives documentation of expenses and the written report.

Deadline for applications

Application dates are March 1st and October 1st each year. Applicants will be notified within two months of the application dates. The first deadline is **October 1st 2010**:

Applications should be sent to (electronic and signed paper applications)

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Further information

Further instructions can be found at www.nfog.org or obtained from members of the NFOG Scientific committee (see NFOG webpage).

NFOG Awards and prizes 2010

To encourage scientific work in the nordic countries NFOG gave scholarships, award and prizes at the congress in Copenhagen in June.



- Young scientist award, 20.000 DKK: **Anna Kanerva** Finland.
- Acta prize, 20.000 DKK: **Nanneli Pallasmaa** Finland.
- Lillehammer scholarships, 20.000DKK each: **Barbara Geppert** Sweden and **Jeanett Østergaard** Denmark.
- NFOG thesis registry lotto 2008 and 2009, 2.500 DKK each: **Tine Dalsgaard Clausen** Denmark, **Marja Sarkola** Finland, **Karolina Partheen** Sweden and **Jouko Järvenpää** Finland.
- Prizes for poster at the congress, 10.000 DKK, each: **Sigrún Perla Böðvarsdóttir** Iceland, **Sys Nikolajsen** Denmark and **Outi Uimari** Finland.
- Prizes for free communication presentation at the congress, 10.000 DKK each: **Anna Möller** Sweden, **Christina Damsted Petersen** Denmark and **Nils-Halvdan Morken** Norway.

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