

AO Spine North America (AOSNA) is a unique professional and medical association of spine surgeons dedicated to fostering a global community of spine care professionals who are passionate about furthering science, improving patients' lives, and advancing professional careers through the exchange of knowledge and professional networking. AOSNA is committed to help develop the next generation of spine surgeon leaders by supporting academically rigorous, technically sophisticated fellowships with a track record of producing excellent surgeons.

AOSNA has established a transparent, non-conflicted, long-term fellowship program supervised and monitored by the AOSNA Fellowship Committee of surgeons with expertise in the area of post-graduate education. The goal of the AOSNA Long-Term Fellowship program is to foster the global connection of like-minded colleagues who strive for excellence in teaching and spine care. The AOSNA long-term fellowship program includes academic grants provided to selected training institutions for the purpose of fostering fellow spine education and research. Fellows are required to participate in at least one research project during their training year. The collection of research work is presented at the annual Fellows Forum in the Spring of the fellowship year.

The AOSNA Long-Term Fellowship Program provides funding support directly to the spine fellowship program at the designated Fellowship Sites and is inclusive of all Spine Fellows at the site.

The program provides:

- Introductory Fellowship Course – AOSNA Fellows will invited an Introductory Fellowship Course to be held in late summer/early fall of the fellowship year. This educational program is designed to provide early interaction between the fellow(s), their peers, and AO Spine members and faculty.
- Annual Fellows Forum – AOSNA fellows and the Program Director or faculty sponsor will be invited to attend an annual AOSNA Fellows Forum held in the spring of the fellowship year. The fellow(s) will be asked to report on their research activities and also give a presentation on their research projects.
- AOSNA Continuing Medical Education - AOSNA fellows are encouraged to attend one additional AOSNA educational course during his/her fellowship (not including the Introductory Fellowship Course or the Annual Fellows Forum). AOSNA will fund the course tuition, travel, and accommodations for one course of the fellow's choice during their fellowship period.
- AO Spine Membership – AOSNA fellows will receive a complimentary two-year membership to AO Spine at the start of fellowship.
- Fellows Webinars - Fellows will be invited and encouraged to participate in the Fellows Webinar Series during the duration of the fellowship year. These interactive and case-based webinars cover a range of topics geared at the fellow level.