

# **AROI - WB Fight Cancer Fellowship 2023**

The Association of Radiation Oncologists of India (AROI) West Bengal chapter is pleased to announce the AROI WB Fight Cancer Fellowship for Post Graduate Trainees / Junior Residents in Radiation Oncology (currently pursuing MD / DNB in Radiotherapy / Radiation Oncology.)

The purpose is to facilitate the specialists to undergo an Observership / Fellowship for a maximum duration of four weeks at any Centre of Excellence in Radiation Oncology inside India.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

1. **Pursuing M.D./ D.N.B.** in Radiotherapy / Radiation Oncology from an Institution in West Bengal (as on the date of the Interview).
2. **Life Members of AROI and members of AROI-West Bengal Chapter.**
3. Age – no restrictions or upper limit.
4. A **short CV** mentioning clearly the following points will be required. [**Points b, c, d, e, f and g will be preferable but not mandatory**]
  - a) Academic qualifications, current designation and year of passing M.D. / D.N.B.(if applicable)
  - b) Publications in peer reviewed journals.
  - c) Presentations (oral / poster) at State / National / International level conferences.
  - d) Awards received during undergraduate and post graduate training.
  - e) Courses attended.
  - f) Special trainings undertaken.
  - g) Membership of other professional bodies / societies in Oncology.
5. A **Letter of Permission on Departmental Letterhead** from the **Head of the Department** where the candidate is presently attached mentioning that the candidate is allowed to sit for the interview and shall be granted requisite leave, upon selection, to complete the Fellowship.
6. A **Covering letter** has to be submitted, signed by the candidate, in addition to the CV, stating the **purpose of application for the Fellowship including potential area of work in Radiation Oncology** and the **Institution** where he / she wants to go for the Fellowship.
7. The candidates need to mail scanned soft copies of all the documents to [acd.aroibw@gmail.com](mailto:acd.aroibw@gmail.com). Please mention **AROI WB Fight Cancer Fellowship** as the subject of the mail. **The last date of submitting the application shall be 22nd of January 2023.** After applications are submitted by mail, they shall be scrutinized and a list of eligible candidates will be posted on [www.aroibw.org](http://www.aroibw.org). **The date, time and venue of the Interview shall also be informed to the selected candidates by mail prior to the date of the Interview.**

## Interview process

1. The Interview shall be conducted by a **three member board** constituted by the AROI west Bengal chapter and **their decision will be final and binding.**
2. The interview will be held at a suitable time **prior to the AROI-West Bengal Chapter** every year.
3. The board will comprise :
  - Chairman Fight Cancer*
  - President, AROI-West Bengal Chapter*
  - Secretary, AROI-West Bengal Chapter*
4. Candidates are needed to bring originals of their **academic certifications, publications, awards, training etc for verification at the time of the interview.**
5. **One candidate will be chosen for the fellowship each from current 2nd year PGT JR (academic session 2021 - 2024) and 3rd year PGT JR (academic year 2020 - 2023). The sum of fellowship per year per candidate shall be INR 15000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only).**
6. In an exceptional circumstance, if after the interview, it is found that two candidates finish on equal points and the results are tied, the board will have the discretion to grant the Fellowship to both the candidates. **In that case the amount of INR 15000 shall be equally divided amongst the two candidates.**
7. The results of the interview will be posted on [www.ROIWB.org](http://www.ROIWB.org) by one working week after the date on which the interview has been conducted.
8. The Fellowship **must be undertaken at an Institution within India in the discipline of Radiation Oncology.**
9. The **maximum duration** of the Fellowship period shall be **four weeks.**
10. The time of availing the Fellowship, once chosen, will be at the discretion of the centre of excellence where the candidate opts to undergo Fellowship taking into consideration the permission of leave granted by the Department where the candidate is attached. However, it will **need to be completed, ordinarily, within one calendar year of being awarded but definitely before the next Annual State Conference of the Association.**

## Disbursement of Fellowship

1. The candidate has to inform AROI WB **in writing / by mail at least two working weeks** prior to the tentative period of Fellowship.
2. The **Letter of Permission to avail the Observership from the center of excellence / host institute** must accompany this letter / mail.
3. AROI WB will provide the candidate a sum, **not exceeding 50% of the Fellowship amount, as an interim grant** to arrange for travel / logistics upon explicit written request for the same.

4. Upon successful completion of the fellowship, the candidate will need to submit the following documents to AROI WB **within two working weeks of completion of the Fellowship**:
  - a. A **letter from the competent authorities of the centre of excellence / host institute** where the observership was undertaken stipulating that the candidate **has completed the scheduled period to the satisfaction of the institute**.
  - b. **Necessary travel documents** – like rail / air tickets / accommodation details etc.
  - c. A **brief report** (2 pages) by the candidate detailing the **training undertaken & experience thereof and how it is going to benefit him / her** in future clinical practice.
5. AROI WB will then disburse the remaining sum along with a **commemorative plaque and a certificate** to the candidate commemorating the successful completion of the fellowship. These will be given out at the **next AROI-West Bengal Annual State Conference of the following year** (after the year of awarding of the Fellowship).
6. In the event that the Fellowship is not completed in compliance to the rules mentioned above, the candidate shall stand to forfeit the Fellowship and no award shall be made.