

AROI - WB Young Oncologist Fellowship 2023

The Association of Radiation Oncologists of India (AROI) West Bengal chapter is pleased to announce a Fellowship for young specialists in Radiation Oncology (within 5 years of passing 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/ Abroad.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Completed M.D./ D.N.B. in Radiotherapy / Radiation Oncology from an Institution in West Bengal (within the last 5 years as on the date of the Interview).
2. Completed M.D./ D.N.B. in Radiotherapy / Radiation Oncology from an Institution in India outside West Bengal (within the last 5 years as on the date of the Interview), provided that he / she is domiciled in West Bengal and a Life Member of AROI through the West Bengal chapter.
3. Life Members of AROI and members of AROI-West Bengal Chapter.
4. Age – no restrictions or upper limit.
5. 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.
 - 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.
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 Institution where he / she wants to go for the Fellowship.
7. The candidates need to mail scanned soft copies of the same to aroiwb@gmail.com Please mention **AROI WB Young Oncologist Fellowship** as the subject of the mail. **The last date of submitting applications, in the prescribed format shall be 22nd of January, 2023.**
8. No applications relating to travel support to attend conferences only, will be entertained.
9. After applications are submitted by mail, they shall be scrutinized and a list of eligible candidates will be posted on www.aroiwb.org at least **one week prior** to the date of the scheduled 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 the time of the **AROI-West Bengal Chapter Annual State Conference** every year.
3. The board will comprise :
 - one member from AROI Central Executive Committee (President/Vice President/President Elect/Secretary) **OR**
 - one eminent senior Radiation Oncologist from an apex academic institute of India outside West Bengal
 - 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. The sum of fellowship **per year per candidate** shall be **INR 50000 (Rupees Fifty 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 50000 shall be equally divided amongst the two candidates**.
7. The results of the interview will be posted on www.aroibw.org by one working week after the interview is conducted.
8. The Fellowship **must be undertaken at an Institution outside West Bengal**, within or **outside India only 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 by **December 31st of the year when the Fellowship is granted**.

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 of **INR 25000** (considering a single awardee) as **an interim grant**.

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 **center 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 of INR **25000** (considering a single awardee) 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 **AROI-West Bengal Annual State Conference of the following year** (after the year when the Fellowship was awarded).
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.