

Sumiko Okada International Fellowship Fund

Prospectus

1. Purpose of the Fund

Purpose of establishing the fund is to develop human resources in the field of dysphagia rehabilitation and to contribute to whole society by subsidizing the expense of creative and excellent international research activities to young researchers in the field.

2. Background of Establishing the Fund

Sumiko Okada, a speech pathologist and scientist, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Rehabilitation, School of Health Science, Fujita Health University, Japan and an executive board member of the Japanese Society of Dysphagia Rehabilitation (JSDR), passed away on June 24, 2011. To honor her considerable contributions, establishment of a fund was proposed in February 2012 by JoAnne Robbins, Jeffrey B. Palmer, Rebecca German, Rosemary Martino, Reza Shaker, Barbara C. Sonies, Peter Balafsky, Christy Ludlow, Eiichi Saitoh, and Yoko Inamoto. Some executive board members of the Dysphagia Research Society (DRS) and JSDR agreed to establish the Sumiko Okada International Fellowship Fund on March 9, 2012, during the DRS 20th Annual Meeting.

3. Administration of the Fund

We intend to open the Management Committee of the Fund separately from JSDR. The role of the committee is to administer the fund and select worthy researchers who receive the research grant. The committee's decision would be reported at the board meeting of the JSDR.

4. Public Offering of the Fund

The period of public offering of the fund is decided to be one-off project. The Management Committee of the Fund shall be dissolved at the time of overdrawn amount of the money as a consequence of the research promotion.

5. Applications for this fund will be accepted starting August 1.

Please Send by FAX or E-mail to a secretariat after filling in the application form.

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Procedures for the Research Grant Funding

I. Requirements for Recipients of the Fund

1. Principal investigators (applicants) must be members of DSR or JSDF.
2. Principal investigators (applicants) must be under 40 years of age.
3. No restrictions are put on the number and license of researchers in a study group.

II. Amount of Payment and Number of Award Winners

1. In principle, the amount of research grant shall be 300,000 yen per an application, and 2-3 award winners are selected every year.
2. The research grant shall be paid to individual applicants.

III. Selection of Award Winners

After applications are screened strictly by the Management Committee of the Fund, worthy researchers who receive the research grant are selected as award winners. The committee's decision must be approved by the board meeting of the JSDF.

IV. Use of Research Grant

The research grant must be used for purchasing equipments and expendable supplies only used in the current research. Purchases of commonly sold electronic devices such as personal computers are prohibited. It is also prohibited to divert the funds to wining, dining and local transportation expenses. Travel expenses and registration fees for attending the DRS Meeting or overseas academic meetings related to dysphagia are approved to be used.

V. Obligations of Award Winners

1. The award winners must report on progress, outcome, and financial balance about the relevant study by filling out the designated form "Recipient's Report" within the period specified.
2. The award winners must state clearly that the research has been supported by the Fund, when they present the results of the current research. Copies of every related articles published in medical journals must be sent to the office of the JSDF with the above report.
3. The outcome of the current research must be presented at the DRS meeting or overseas academic meetings related to dysphagia.
4. If the obligations were not fulfilled or the research grant was used improperly by the award winners, the committee shall require them to return partial or full amount of research grant.

Management Committee of the Fund
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