

2026-2027 Teague-Gaudin OTA/SOMOS Active-Duty Traveling Military Fellowship

Applications Open: 1 April 2026

Application Deadline: 30 June 2026

Eligibility Requirements:

- Graduated approved orthopaedic residency training in or before 2024
- Must be qualified to practice orthopaedic surgery in the United States
- Must be an active duty military orthopaedic surgeon
- Must be a member of the OTA and/or SOMOS (resident, candidate, or active)

Fellowship applicants must be able to travel up to 3 weeks throughout 2027. Fellows should be able to utilize No-Cost TAD/TDY pathways for this fellowship. Arrangements for fellowship locations and dates will be coordinated with each individual fellow and the host sites they will be visiting. Fellows will have travel and housing arrangements covered by each host institution or a grant, but the fellows may be responsible for additional expenses, i.e. meals, Ubers, etc. We have compiled a database of institutions across the country interested in participating in this fellowship; the fellows will be able to choose which sites they visit from this list of excellent medical centers.

Instructions:

- Complete this application and e-mail it to amcdonough@datatrace.com with “OTA-SOMOS Military Traveling Fellowship” as the subject header.
- Attachments: A recent digital photo (optional); CV (format not specified)
- A minimum of two sponsors must send letters of recommendation to the selection committee on your behalf. One sponsor should be from a member of the OTA and the second letter should be from a member of SOMOS.

Letters of recommendation should be sent to:

SOMOS
Attn: Audrey Cameron
110 West Road, Suite 227
Towson, MD 21204

Or sent via e-mail to amcdonough@datatrace.com.

For more information regarding this program, please contact:

Christopher Renninger, MD
E-Mail: chrisrenninger@gmail.com

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Applicant Information

Last Name:

First Name:

MI:

DOB:

SOMOS Member (yes/no):

Membership Category:

OTA Member (yes/no):

Membership Category:

Current Institution:

Title:

Preferred E-mail Address:

Alternate E-mail Address:

Preferred Phone:

Names and Addresses of Sponsors

Sponsor 1 Last Name:

First Name:

Title:

OTA Member (yes/no):

SOMOS Member (yes/no):

Institution:

Office Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Alternate E-mail:

Sponsor 2 Last Name: First Name: Title:

OTA Member (yes/no): SOMOS Member (yes/no):

Institution:

Office Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email: Alternate E-mail:

(Optional)

Sponsor 3 Last Name: First Name: Title:

OTA Member (yes/no): SOMOS Member (yes/no):

Institution:

Office Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: Email: Alternate E-mail:

Additional Information

Describe your areas of special interest in orthopaedics (research, clinical interests, etc.)
(250 word limit)

Briefly describe your future career plans and goals
(250 word limit)

Please provide a personal statement describing how your military medical career will benefit through participation in this fellowship.
(250 word limit)

(Optional) What sets you apart from other potential applicants for this traveling fellowship that has not been covered elsewhere in your application?
(250 word limit)

What topic would you plan to select for your Grand Rounds talk to be given at each institution?