



# Perinatal Society of Malaysia

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## **PERINATAL SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA (PSM) TRAVELLING GRANT.**

Three Traveling Fellowships Grant will be awarded each year for **PSM active members** and the **maximum amount to be given to each Traveling Fellow will be RM2500. One grant will be awarded to the paediatrician, one grant will be awarded to the obstetrician, and one grant will be awarded to the nurse.**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR): PSM FELLOWSHIP TRAVELLING GRANT**

### **1. Purpose**

The Perinatal Society of Malaysia (PSM) Travelling Grant is established to support doctors, specialists, trainees and specialised nurses in the field of perinatology and related disciplines to enhance their knowledge, skills, and research capacity. The grant aims to:

- Facilitate short-term training, clinical attachment, workshops, or fellowships in reputable centres (local or international).
- Encourage professional development and networking with regional and global experts.
- Promote the advancement of perinatal care in Malaysia through knowledge transfer and best practice dissemination.

### **2. Eligibility**

Applicants must:

1. Be a current member of the Perinatal Society of Malaysia in good standing.
2. Be a medical practitioner (doctor, specialist, specialised nurse or trainee) actively involved in perinatal, maternal, or neonatal care.
3. Have at least 2 years of clinical or academic experience in the field.
4. Demonstrate a clear plan for training and the potential to apply acquired knowledge/skills to local practice.
5. Not have received the same grant within the past 3 years.

### **3. Scope of Support**

- Financial support up to RM2500.
- The maximum award amount will be determined annually by the PSM Council.
- Duration of support: up to 3 months (short-term fellowship, clinical attachment or training programme).
- The grant does not cover salaries, routine living expenses, or personal costs.
- The grant is subject to revision by current PSM council.

#### 4. Application Procedure

1. Call for applications will be announced annually on the PSM website and via official communication channels.
2. Applicants must submit:
  - Completed application form.
  - Curriculum Vitae.
  - Outline of proposed training programme, including host institution's confirmation/acceptance letter.
  - Statement of purpose (max 500 words).
  - One referee report (preferably Head of Department/Supervisor).
3. Applications must be submitted at least **3 months before the intended date of travel**.

#### 5. Selection Process

- Applications will be reviewed by the **PSM Council**.
- Selection criteria include:
  - Applicant's involvement with PSM & PSM's activities
  - Applicant's contribution to the field and future potential.
  - Relevance of training to perinatal medicine.
  - Feasibility of training programme and institutional support.
  - Geographical and disciplinary balance among awardees.
- The Council's decision is final and no appeal will be entertained.

#### 6. Recipient's Obligations

Successful applicants must:

1. Acknowledge the support of PSM in all related presentations/publications.
2. Submit a **written report (1,000–1,500 words)** to the PSM Council within 2 months of completing the fellowship.
3. Present their experience and learning outcomes at the next PSM Annual Congress or relevant meeting.
4. Commit to sharing and applying acquired knowledge to strengthen perinatal practice in Malaysia.

#### 7. Monitoring and Accountability

- The PSM Council reserves the right to withhold or reclaim the grant if the fellowship is not undertaken as planned, or if reporting obligations are not fulfilled.
- Any unused funds must be returned to the Society.