

## The IOFF-CBM Subspecialty Fellowship Program for Ophthalmologists from Ukraine

The International Ophthalmological Fellowship Foundation (IOFF e. V.) is a German charity organization that looks back on having arranged for more than 1300 three-months fellowships (mainly observerships) for young Ophthalmologists from 80 low-resource or underserved countries. Funding for the program comes from NGO's, international industry and Ophthalmological societies.

The IOFF-CBM Subspecialty Fellowship Program invites young Ophthalmologists from Ukraine exclusively to apply for an IOFF-CBM Subspecialty Fellowship (observership) in either Vitreoretina or Oculoplastics with three months duration. IOFF-CBM Fellows are expected to bring their acquired knowledge and skills back to Ukraine to help meeting medical emergencies caused by the war.

**Eligible candidates** (should a candidate not meet one of criteria mentioned above, he/she may contact <a href="mailto:cgo@ioff.org">cgo@ioff.org</a> to discuss options.):

- Come from Ukraine and are committed to return and provide services to patients in Ukraine
- Hold Specialist in Ophthalmology degree
- Have completed the Residency Training
- Preferably come from teaching and/or public services position
- Female Ophthalmologists are strongly encouraged to apply
- Speak German or English proficiently.

## **Additional information:**

- Three-Months awards include a stipend of max. 5000 EURO to help cover the expenses for roundtrip-travel and student-style living in the host city in Germany or any other country from the Schengen area.
- IOFF will help refer the IOFF-CBM Fellows for observerships in IOFF Host Centers (mainly university eye clinics) in Germany or another country from the Schengen area.
- IOFF-CBM Fellows arrange for visa and accommodation in the host city. For Germany, citizens from Ukraine currently need no visa.
- IOFF-CBM Fellows bring a (travel) insurance certificate to cover possible medical emergencies during their stays.
- No curriculum is to be fulfilled, but fellow's individual and recurring questions in the subspecialty should be answered.
- IOFF will do the transfer of funds as soon as all arrangements for the observership have been completed.

## **Questions?**

Please consult www.ioff.org or contact cgo@ioff.org

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