How do you secure a fellowship position?

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• What is my experience in this field?
  – AO fellowship at HSS - NY in 2010
  – Research fellowship at University of Pittsburgh from Aug 2010 to Feb 2012
  – Brazilian Knee Surgery Society fellow in Lyon-France from Feb to April 2016
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- Two main types of fellowships
  - Closed programs: societies and foundations
    - Pre determined period
    - Limited vacancies
    - Funding resource available
  - Open programs: agreement between fellow and host
    - Flexible period
    - Host determines number of vacancies
    - Funding resource may be available. Prepare for self funding
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• Closed programs: societies, foundations, etc
  – Websites
  – Pay attention in application deadlines
  – Own rules
  – Curriculum vitae
  – Letter of recommendation
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- Open programs: agreement between fellow and host
  - Personally contacting your host
    - Self presentation
    - Clear objectives: observation? Research?
    - Intended period
    - Curriculum vitae
    - Letter of recommendation
  - Have someone who personally knows your host to contact him
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- **Research fellowship**
  - Be aware of the research fields developed in your host institution
    - Offer to help in a running research
    - Propose a new study
  - Time consuming
    - It may take months or years to finish a study
- Team effort
  - You will definitely need to work with other people
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• Don’t forget
  – Have a deal with your family
    • Are they coming with you?
    • Your fellowship is not a vacation, but you’ll have weekends
    • Do you have money to have them with you?
    • Do your kids need school?
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• Don’t forget
  – Have a deal with your partners at work
    • How long will you stay out?
    • Who is going to do your job when you’re out?
    • Will you have to pay your share when you’re out?