

# Fellowship Award Guidelines

## Fellowship Requirements

1. Current AGD membership for three (3) continuous years (36 months) by December 31 of the year of the Convocation for which application is made, to begin no earlier than the month of dental school graduation; dental license has not been suspended or revoked within the last five years, and is not currently under probation, suspension, or revocation.
2. Completion of 500 hours of FAGD/MAGD-approved continuing education credit, with at least 350 hours earned in course attendance. Mastership credit begins to accrue on the date that the 500-hours requirement has been met, as determined by the Dental Education Council.
3. Successful completion of the Fellowship Examination. The exam may be taken at any time after joining the AGD but must be completed prior to December 31 deadline for Fellowship applications.
4. Attendance at a Convocation Ceremony, held during the AGD Annual Meeting, to receive the award. Successful candidates are allowed three years following approval to complete this requirement.

## Activities Accepted for Fellowship Credit

### Course Attendance Credit

A minimum of 350 hours of continuing education course credit is required for the award. Course content must be directly related to the practice of dentistry with the exception that 10 hours are permitted for self-improvement courses. Course credit can be earned for:

1. Scientific Programs

A) Attendance at courses put on by FAGD/MAGD-program providers. Approved program providers include those accepted by the Committee on Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE), intrastate program providers approved by AGD Constituent Academies, or those approved by the ADA's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP).

B) Individual intrastate courses may also be approved by the AGD Constituents.

2. Postgraduate Education

Effective January 1, 2009. Beginning with individuals completing a one-year CODA-accredited advanced dental education program (AEGD/GDR/GPR) in 2009, 150 hours of participation credit may be earned. Individuals completing a two-year CODA-accredited advanced dental education program (AEGD/GDR/GPR) in 2009, 300 hours of participation credit may be earned. Credit can be received for non-concurrent completion of both program types for a maximum of 450 hours of participation credit. Credits are apportioned among the subject categories according to a *predetermined ratio* of subject hours based upon a survey of one- and two-year AEGD/GDR/GPR programs. A copy of the certificate is required to receive credit. Credit is permitted for the completion of programs as follows:

Current member of AGD	100% of credits are awarded
Join AGD within one (1) year of completion of the program	100% “
Join AGD within two (2) years	75% “
Join AGD within three (3) years	50% “
Join AGD within four (4) years	25% “
Join AGD after four years	0% “

For members that joined the AGD *prior to* January 1, 2009 at total of 250 hours of course credit may be earned for completion of a one- or two-year ADA-accredited advanced dental education program (AEGD/GDR/GPR). Credit is permitted for programs completed up to 12 months prior to joining the AGD. A copy of the certificate is required to receive credit.

3. Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Programs

Participation in Federal Dental Service Specialty Rotation Programs earns 1 credit hour for each working day in the program. A maximum of 200 hours may be applied to the award.

4. Self-Instructional Programs

Up to 150 hours of credit may be applied to the award for completion of FAGD/MAGD-approved audio, audio/visual, written and other self-instructional programs, provided the program provider verifies

satisfactory completion. In addition to the 150 hours self-instructional credit, 15 hours of credit may be awarded one time only to members completing the post-test from the FAGD Exam Study Guide.

5. Self-Improvement

Up to 10 hours of credit may be applied to the award from FAGD/MAGD-approved self-improvement course taken on or after July 1, 1985.

Other CE Activities for Credit

1. Teaching/Publications

A combined maximum of 150 hours of FAGD credit may be applied toward the Fellowship award for the following activities:

- A) Full- or Part-time faculty positions at ADA/CDA-accredited institutions
- B) Continuing education presentations put on by FAGD/MAGD-program providers.
- C) Original presentations receive three hours of credit for each hour of teaching. Repeat presentations receive hour-for-hour credit. *Credit will be awarded upon receipt of verification from the program provider.*
- D) Authorship of a published scientific article in a dental or scientific journal.
- E) Authorship of a published dental textbook or chapter in a published textbook
- F) Authorship of a case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a dental or scientific journal published in or after July, 2000.

Credit will be awarded as follows:

Published scientific article in a refereed journal.....	65 hours
Published scientific article in a non-refereed journal.....	40 hours
Published dental textbook or chapter in a published textbook .....	65 hours
Published case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a refereed journal .....	10 hours
Published case report, technique paper or clinical research report in a non-refereed journal .....	.5 hours

Credit Limitations

Credit Start Dates: Continuing education credit earned after the credit start date may be applied toward Fellowship award.

Credit start dates are assigned upon joining the AGD, as follows:

- 1. January 1, if membership began between January 1 and June 30;
- 2. July 1, if membership began between July 1 and September 30;
- 3. October 1, if membership began between October 1 and December 31;
- 4. Date of dental school graduation, if membership began within the first calendar year after graduation;
- 5. Date of residency completion, if membership began within 12 months after completion of an ADA-accredited 1- or 2-year AEGD/GPR/GDR.

Subject Category: A maximum of 150 credit hours may be earned in each of the 16 dental subject categories.

Application Procedures and Deadline

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 31 to be considered for the class immediately following the application deadline. **The AGD is not responsible for lost or delayed mail.** Please note that Mastership credits begin to accrue on the date that the 500-hours requirement has been met, as determined by the Dental Education Council. The appropriate fee, which includes a non-refundable processing fee, must accompany the Fellowship award application. **All FAGD requirements must be completed as of December 31 application deadline. Only the Dental Education Council may determine the acceptability of FAGD award applications.** Applications are reviewed by the Council in March of each year and applicants are notified by letter of the Council's decision within three weeks. Final approval is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees

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