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PROGRAMME BROCHURE · 2026

Short-Term International Fellowship in Cataract & Refractive Surgery

Twelve weeks of structured, supervised surgical training

3 months	Nil	Rs 50,000	NMC
Full-time	Course fee	Stipend / month	Section 34

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FOREWORD

A Word from the Founder



Dr Arun Singhvi
MBBS; MD (AIIMS New Delhi)
Founder, CEO and Managing Director
ASG Eye Hospitals

When the first ASG Eye Hospital opened in Jodhpur in December 2005, it began with one conviction: that excellent eye care should not depend on where a patient happens to live. Two decades on, that conviction has carried ASG across India, and it has taught us something we did not fully appreciate at the start. A hospital network can grow only as fast as the surgeons it trains.

That is why teaching sits at the centre of what we do. Every ASG centre treats patients, and several also teach. ASG Superspeciality Eye Hospital, Varanasi is one of them, and it is the centre we have entrusted with the guidance of our international fellows.

The team in Varanasi, led by Dr Pratyush Ranjan, has built a culture in which high surgical volume and careful teaching go together: every step explained, every case logged, and every fellow held to the standard the patient deserves.

To the ophthalmologist reading this from another country: you will train under supervision, within the permission granted by India's National Medical Commission, in a city where medicine is practised amid one of the oldest living traditions of learning in the world. We hope you leave with steadier hands, sharper judgement and friendships that last, and that the patients you serve at home feel the benefit of your time in Kashi.

You are most welcome at ASG.

Dr Arun Singhvi

FOREWORD

From the Academic Cell



Dr Ganesh Pillay
MBBS, MD (Ophthalmology, AIIMS New Delhi)
Academic Director, ASG Academic Cell
Medical Director, ASG Eye Hospital, Bhopal
Regional Chief Operating Officer (Madhya Pradesh)

The ASG Academic Cell exists to answer one question about every fellow who trains with us: will this surgeon leave better than they arrived, and can we show it?

We answer it with structure. Long-term fellows enter through a national examination and are placed strictly by merit. Every fellowship follows a defined curriculum, every case is logged and reviewed, and every fellow faces an exit assessment before a certificate is issued. The same discipline governs our short-term international programme: clear objectives, graded supervision and honest evaluation, all within the permission granted by India's National Medical Commission.

Structure alone does not make a surgeon, though. Mentors do. Our task is to place each fellow with a teacher who will give them time, attention and candour, and to give that teacher the systems to do it well. Across our centres, it is this partnership between system and mentor that fellows remember. In Varanasi it now extends to our international fellows, who train there under the mentorship of Dr Pratyush Ranjan.

To every ophthalmologist considering this programme: expect to be welcomed, expect to be stretched, and expect to be assessed fairly. We measure our success by what you do after you leave, in your own theatre, for your own patients.

We look forward to training with you.

Dr Ganesh Pillay

FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Why I Teach



Dr Pratyush Ranjan
MBBS, DO MS, DNB, MAMS, AMPH
Consultant, Cataract, Refractive and Glaucoma
Medical Director, ASG Superspeciality Eye Hospital, Varanasi
Regional Chief Operating Officer, Uttar Pradesh

Every surgeon remembers the first phaco and the first LASIK: the held breath, the hands that will not quite keep still, and the quiet that follows when the lens is safely in the bag. That happiness does not fade, and it does not repeat. A surgeon gets it once.

A teacher gets it again, and again. On a single morning at my microscope in Varanasi there may be a fellow completing her first full phacoemulsification, and beside her a consultant who already operates independently at home, attempting a first toric implantation or a first LASIK. Standing behind each of them, I am handed back a feeling I thought I had spent years ago. Second-hand, and somehow not diminished.

There is a slower joy too. The surgeon who arrives hesitant, who apologises for asking questions and seeks permission before touching the joystick, and who a few months later walks into the theatre and simply begins. Watching timidity turn into quiet authority is the part of this work I would not trade for any personal outcome.

This fellowship is built to create those moments safely: under supervision, one graded step at a time, with every case logged and every doubt welcomed. Whether you come at the start of your surgical life or as an experienced surgeon adding new skills, you will be taught as though your first case matters, because to me it does.

When fellows thank me, I tell them the truth. I do this for my own happiness, and their training is its by-product. That is not modesty. If I am thanked for something I would gladly pay to do, the accounting is wrong somewhere.

आत्मौपम्येन सर्वत्र समं पश्यति योऽर्जुन।

सुखं वा यदि वा दुःखं स योगी परमो मतः॥

One who sees all beings as himself, in joy and in sorrow, is held to be the highest yogi.

Bhagavad Gita 6.32

The Gita does not ask the yogi to stand apart from what others feel. It asks him to stop drawing a line between their joy and his own. That is the spirit in which we will receive you in Kashi.

One day, someone's hands will shake in front of you, and you will know exactly what to say.

Dr Pratyush Ranjan

THE INSTITUTION

ASG Eye Hospitals

ASG Eye Hospitals was founded in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, in December 2005. Dr Arun Singhvi, an alumnus of AIIMS New Delhi, leads it as Founder, CEO and Managing Director. Its founding aim was to take advanced, affordable eye care to people who otherwise had to travel long distances for it, particularly in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. From a single centre, ASG has grown into one of India's leading chains of super speciality eye hospitals, operated by ASG Hospital Private Limited.

180+	95+	700+	2005
centres	cities	specialists	founded in Jodhpur

Group figures as published by ASG Eye Hospitals.

- **Every subspecialty under one roof:** cataract, LASIK and refractive surgery (including ICL and PRK), retina, glaucoma, cornea, paediatric ophthalmology and squint, neuro-ophthalmology and oculoplasty.
- **Emergency and eye banking:** 24-hour emergency services for eye trauma, and eye banking facilities including the ASG Eye Bank.
- **Beyond India:** centres in Kampala, Uganda, and Kathmandu, Nepal.
- **Commitment to training:** structured long-term fellowships across the network, with entry by a national entrance examination and seats allotted on merit.
- **Research governance:** the ASG Academic Cell supports research through an ethics committee registered with the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, to consider research proposals involving human participants.
- **Academic support:** ASG sponsors consultants and fellows to attend conferences, and runs an International Masterclass that brings experienced ophthalmologists from around the world together with young surgeons.

Uttar Pradesh Zone. ASG's Uttar Pradesh zone covers 19 centres across 13 cities, including three in Varanasi.

THE TRAINING CENTRE

ASG Superspeciality Eye Hospital, Varanasi

The fellowship is based entirely at ASG Superspeciality Eye Hospital on the Rathyatra-Mahmoorganj Road in Varanasi, the flagship of ASG's three centres in the city. It offers comprehensive, super speciality eye care for every age group and receives patients from across Varanasi and the surrounding region, giving fellows a large and varied caseload throughout the year.

ASG's international fellowship is conducted only at Varanasi, under the personal mentorship of Dr Pratyush Ranjan. More than 40 cataract, refractive and glaucoma surgeons from India and abroad have trained with him.

Clinical Services

- Cataract surgery: phacoemulsification and MSICS, with monofocal, toric and premium IOLs
- LASIK, PRK and ICL refractive surgery
- Glaucoma: medical, laser and surgical care
- Medical and surgical retina at the Retina Institute of Kashi, the hospital's vitreoretina department
- Cornea services, including collagen cross-linking for keratoconus
- Paediatric ophthalmology and strabismus, with a dedicated children's play area, a myopia clinic and dichoptic therapy (Bynocs)
- Oculoplasty and neuro-ophthalmology

Surgical and Diagnostic Infrastructure

Operation theatre	Phacoemulsification systems (Alcon and Oertli); Carl Zeiss operating microscopes with video recording; digital visualisation and high-speed vitrectomy platforms, including the Alcon Constellation
Refractive suite	Alcon WaveLight Allegretto Eye-Q 400 Hz excimer laser with topography analyser; Carl Zeiss corneal topography; pachymetry
Diagnostics	Optical biometry and A-scan, B-scan, OCT, fundus photography, Humphrey visual fields with GPA, gonioscopy, synoptophore, autorefraction and automated phoropter, NCT and applanation tonometry
Lasers	Nd:YAG and frequency-doubled retinal lasers (Carl Zeiss); corneal collagen cross-linking (C3R)
Teaching	Seminar facilities for case presentations and journal clubs; recorded surgical videos; digital records and fellowship log book

Address: Ground Floor, Corporate Plaza, Rathyatra-Mahmoorganj Road, Gopal Vihar Colony, Mahmoorganj, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh 221010, India. **Appointments:** 1800-1211-804

HERITAGE

Kashi: The Birthplace of Cataract Surgery

Long before the operating microscope, cataract surgery was born in Kashi. According to tradition, it was here, some three thousand years ago, that the surgeon Sushruta learnt the art of healing from his teacher Divodasa Dhanvantari, King of Kashi, and set down the teaching that became the Sushruta Samhita, one of the founding texts of surgery in human history.

In it, Sushruta gave the world its earliest detailed description of cataract surgery. For Linganasha, the disease that clouds the lens and takes away sight, he described couching. With the patient seated and the eye steadied, a fine, barley-tipped needle, the jabamukhi shalaka, was passed through the side of the eye, and the clouded lens was pushed out of the line of sight so that light could reach the retina once again. He laid down how to prepare the patient, where to enter the eye, how to recognise success and how to care for the eye afterwards.

His range was astonishing. He described 76 diseases of the eye, 51 of them treated by surgery, and more than a hundred surgical instruments. He was a teacher as much as a surgeon, and insisted that students practise on fruits, gourds and models before they operated on a patient: simulation training, millennia before the word existed.

From Kashi, his knowledge travelled the world. The Sushruta Samhita was translated into Arabic in Baghdad in the eighth century, and couching spread across Asia, the Middle East and Europe, where surgeons practised it for centuries.

> *When a fellow performs a first capsulorhexis in Varanasi today, the work continues in the city where it began.*

OUR FELLOWS

A Centre that Trains Surgeons

Alongside the short-term international programme, the Varanasi centre trains long-term fellows in cataract and refractive surgery and in vitreoretinal surgery. At the ASG-ONE Fellowship Convocation 2026 in New Delhi, seven fellows from across the ASG network graduated, and three of them had trained in Varanasi.



Fellows and faculty at the ASG-ONE Fellowship Convocation 2026, New Delhi



In the operation theatre at Varanasi



Beyond the theatre: fellows and faculty in Kashi

Convocation 2026: the Varanasi Honours

Dr Mahantesh Mantur	Phacoemulsification and refractive surgery. Prolific Surgeon Award; member of the winning quiz team.
Dr Priyanka Chanana	Vitreoretinal surgery, Retina Institute of Kashi. Academic Excellence Award 2026 for the highest marks in the exit examination.
Dr Archana Yadav	Vitreo Retina Surgical Scholar programme, Retina Institute of Kashi.
Dr Vineela Mamidi	Second-year fellow in cataract and refractive surgery; member of the winning quiz team.

A TEACHING CENTRE

A Centre Built for Teaching

ASG selects its long-term fellows through a national entrance examination, with a theory paper and viva, and allots seats strictly by merit rank at counselling. Varanasi is one of the centres that trains them, within the same academic system as colleagues across the network.

Chosen by applicants

Candidates from the national entrance choose Varanasi for cataract, refractive and vitreoretinal training.

Graded and supervised

Each fellow moves from observation to supervised surgery one step at a time, with every case logged.

Audit on video

Recorded surgical videos are reviewed with the mentor so that each step can be refined.

One academic system

Varanasi teaches within ASG's national academic framework, alongside mentors across the network.

The same teaching culture shapes the international fellowship: log-book discipline, surgical audit on recorded video, and a mentor who stands at the microscope with you.

IN THEIR WORDS

Dr Sofie Michiels



Belgium

International Fellow, ASG Eye Hospital, Varanasi · Early 2023

> *2023 has started off in the best way possible. Suddenly I find myself in the holy city of Varanasi, on an international fellowship in ASG Eye Hospital!*
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> *First and foremost, I am very lucky to have Dr. Pratyush Ranjan as my mentor. He is ... an incredibly passionate teacher, in Ophthalmology as well as in life. I will take a lot home with me from my time here in India.*
>
> *Dr Kartikey Singh is making sure that my passion for vitreoretinal surgery is still alive and kicking by blowing me away with his skills every time.*
>
> *The whole team of doctors and fellows surprised me with their kindness and willingness to pass their knowledge on to me. ASG Eye Hospital Varanasi is built on wonderful people who care for the hundreds of patients that show up here every day! And besides that, they still have time to make sure that I am perfectly being taken care of, they know how I like my Chai and coffee and make every day a privilege to be here!*

Dr Sofie Michiels, writing midway through her fellowship in 2023

IN THEIR WORDS

Dr Marcela Huertas



Colombia

Short-Term International Fellow, ASG Eye Hospital, Varanasi · 2024

I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to do a short fellowship in the holy city of Varanasi, India, where the world's first cataract surgery was performed!

This experience changed my life, and I am deeply grateful to Dr. Pratyush for his trust and generosity in agreeing to be my mentor and for his support, feedback, encouragement, and willingness to pass on his knowledge to me.

Dr. Pratyush is not only a highly skilled surgeon. He also imparted valuable life lessons that boosted my confidence and were invaluable in my personal growth. From Dr. Pratyush, I learned not only about cataract surgery but also important life lessons including surgery is performed first in the surgeon's mind and then in the patient's eyes; every surgery is a unique opportunity that patients have and one should make the most of it; an ideal surgeon is a person who possesses courage and presence of mind; and, one of my favorites: doing surgery is meditating in motion.

Varanasi gave me spirituality, delicious food, as well as uplifting devotional songs during surgery. I carry all the gratitude for this experience in my heart and hope to continue learning from and sharing with this wonderful team in the future.

Dr Marcela Huertas, writing after her fellowship in 2024

IN THEIR WORDS

Dr Dezca Nindita



Indonesia

Short-Term International Fellow, ASG Eye Hospital, Varanasi · 2025

Completing my short-term fellowship in Cataract and Refractive Surgery at ASG Hospital in Varanasi, India, has been a profoundly transformative milestone in my career as an ophthalmologist from Indonesia. There is a poetic resonance in training here, as Varanasi is historically recognized as the birthplace of cataract surgery; following in those ancient footsteps while utilizing 21st-century technology was truly inspiring.

The surgical training was exceptional, particularly in mastering "aesthetic phacoemulsification." Dr. Ranjan has a remarkable ability to simplify even the most complex surgical maneuvers, making the learning curve manageable and rewarding.

I learned the importance of being thorough with every patient; we do not merely treat a complaint but view the eye as a whole.

His mentorship is the best anyone could ask for, as he balances professional excellence with a warm, approachable teaching style. I leave ASG Hospital Varanasi with enhanced surgical skills, a broader clinical vision, and a deep appreciation for the rich heritage of Indian culture and hospitality.

Dr Dezca Nindita, writing on 17 February 2026 after completing her fellowship

THE PROGRAMME

About the Fellowship

The Short-Term International Fellowship in Cataract & Refractive Surgery is a three-month, full-time clinical training programme at ASG Superspeciality Eye Hospital, Varanasi. It is designed for qualified ophthalmologists from outside India who wish to build graded, hands-on competence in modern cataract surgery, covering phacoemulsification and manual small incision cataract surgery (MSICS), together with biometry, IOL planning and the evaluation of refractive surgery candidates.

All clinical and surgical work by the fellow is carried out only under supervision, strictly within the terms of the Temporary Permission granted by the National Medical Commission (NMC), India, under Section 34 of the NMC Act, 2019, and only at the sponsoring institute. Every international fellow trains under the direct, personal mentorship of Dr Pratyush Ranjan.

Programme at a Glance

Programme	Short-Term International Fellowship in Cataract & Refractive Surgery
Duration	Three months (12 weeks), full-time; dates match the NMC Temporary Permission
Venue	ASG Superspeciality Eye Hospital, Varanasi (the only ASG centre offering this fellowship)
Mentor	Dr Pratyush Ranjan, Programme Director and sole mentor for the international fellowship
Mode	Supervised clinical and surgical training: OPD, operation theatre, wet lab and academic sessions
Course fee	Nil
Stipend	Rs 50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) per month

Accommodation	Arranged by the fellow; hospital guest house on request, with Rs 20,000 per month deducted from the stipend
Working hours	10:00 am to 7:00 pm with a lunch break; one weekly off; one casual leave per month
Regulatory basis	NMC Temporary Permission u/s 34, NMC Act, 2019 (para 5.A2(b), Guidelines of 18.01.2024); applied for online by the fellow
Certification	Fellowship completion certificate issued by the institute on satisfactory completion

Learning Objectives

- Perform complete pre-operative cataract evaluation, optical biometry and IOL power calculation, including toric and premium IOL planning.
- Acquire graded competence in each step of phacoemulsification and MSICS, from observation to supervised performance.
- Recognise and manage intraoperative and postoperative complications, and deliver structured postoperative care.
- Evaluate and plan refractive surgery candidates using corneal topography and tomography.
- Maintain an audited surgical log book and present cases in an academic setting.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Week-wise Curriculum

Weeks 1 and 2	Orientation; hospital protocols and documentation; comprehensive workup: refraction, AR, NCT, OCT, fundus photography, FFA, HVF; biometry and IOL power calculation; wet-lab familiarisation.
Weeks 3 and 4	Cataract evaluation and case selection; anaesthesia techniques; supervised steps: incisions, capsulorhexis, hydroprocedures; MSICS principles including R-MSICS demonstrations.
Weeks 5 and 6	Phacoemulsification: machine dynamics and fluidics; nucleus management including the Cartwheel Chop; supervised performance of graded steps.
Weeks 7 and 8	IOL implantation including toric and multifocal planning; management of intraoperative and postoperative complications; postoperative care.
Weeks 9 and 10	Refractive module: patient selection, topography and tomography, excimer laser workflow observation and planning; premium IOL counselling.
Weeks 11 and 12	Consolidation: supervised surgery as per NMC terms; complication management; audit of logged cases; case presentation; exit assessment.

Clinical and Academic Components

- **Outpatient department:** supervised work-up including refraction; diagnostic equipment (AR, NCT, OCT, fundus photography, FFA, HVF, A-scan and B-scan); minor procedures such as syringing and posterior sub-Tenon injection; patient counselling.
- **Operation theatre:** observation, assisting and graded supervised surgery, strictly as permitted under the NMC Temporary Permission.
- **Academics:** weekly case presentations, patient rounds and journal clubs.

- **Research:** fellows are encouraged to undertake, present or publish original work.

Assessment and Certification

- Every OPD patient, procedure and OT note is recorded in the log book, countersigned by the mentor.
- Continuous formative assessment, followed by an exit review of the log book and competencies.
- A fellowship completion certificate is issued on satisfactory completion.

Please note: this is an institutional training programme. It does not confer any degree or any qualification recognised by the NMC or the National Board of Examinations, and it does not entitle the fellow to independent practice in India.

FACULTY

Programme Director and Mentor



Dr Pratyush Ranjan

MBBS, DO MS, DNB, MAMS, AMPH

Consultant, Cataract, Refractive and Glaucoma
Medical Director, ASG Superspeciality Eye Hospital, Varanasi
Regional Chief Operating Officer, Uttar Pradesh

Training

- Residency in ophthalmology at Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi; further training at AIIMS New Delhi, Sitapur Eye Hospital and Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne (UK).
- Advanced Management Programme in Healthcare (AMPH), Indian School of Business.
- Elected Member of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (MAMS), and a member of the All India Ophthalmological Society task force that framed national guidelines for small incision cataract surgery.

Clinical work

Over the years he has operated on more than 65,000 cataract cases, with more than 3,500 refractive, 3,000 glaucoma and 2,000 oculoplasty procedures, and more than 3,000 retinal lasers and intravitreal injections. Much of his surgical grounding came early, at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Eye Hospital, where he performed more than 15,000 surgeries a year. His current work covers phacoemulsification and MSICS, premium and presbyopia-correcting IOLs, Contoura Vision, LASIK and PRK, ICL, and glaucoma care.

Contributions to technique

- The Ranjan MSICS Marker, manufactured by Epsilon, USA, and described in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology.
- The Cartwheel Chop, a nucleus division technique for dense cataracts, which received the Timeless Tip Award of Cataract & Refractive Surgery Today (CRST), USA, in 2022.
- The Topical Hepta Procedure, included in the Eyetube surgical teaching library, USA.
- R-MSICS, a dye-free, lower-cost manual small incision technique, and the Infinity Incision and CARTER Chopper.

These ideas grew out of everyday cases and the questions of fellows; fellows learn them only where they suit their patients.

Teaching and writing

- More than 40 fellows from India and abroad have trained with him in cataract, refractive and glaucoma surgery.
- 37 or more research papers, one book and four book chapters.
- Editor-in-Chief of The Fellowship Compendium, forthcoming from Jaypee Brothers, written with 18 contributors to help fellows bridge training and independent practice.

Recognition

- Dronacharya Samman for teaching and mentorship, Young Ophthalmologists Society of India, 2026, received alongside ASG colleagues.

- Young Ophthalmic Teachers of India, Forum of Ophthalmic Teachers of India, conferred at its Seventh National Assembly, AIIMS New Delhi, 2024; Young Achiever Award, ISCKRS, 2024.
- Six state and national society gold medals (UPSOS, UKSOS, BOS and ACOIN).
- HTDS Millennial Award, Hindustan Times Group, 2025; Uttar Pradesh Ratna, Jagran Group, 2024; Best Ophthalmologist of the Year, North India, The Economic Times, 2022.

Service

- Founder of The Asoka Foundation, working against preventable blindness since 2009.
- Established ASG Chakshudham Eye Hospital, offering the same facilities at a consultation fee of Rs 50; also involved in the School Eye Health Initiative (SEHI).
- Designed the DISHA and NAZAR patient communication systems, so that patients in busy outpatient clinics understand their own care.

He regards all of this as the work of the teams, teachers and patients he has been fortunate to learn from.

JOINING THE PROGRAMME

Eligibility and Pathway

Eligibility

- Primary medical qualification equivalent to MBBS, with a postgraduate or specialist qualification in ophthalmology.
- Valid registration or licence to practise in the home country, with a current Certificate of Good Standing.
- Selection through the institute's screening and interview process.
- Grant of NMC Temporary Permission under Section 34 before the fellowship begins.

Pathway to Joining

1	**Selection: about 5 months before the start** Screening, interview and a written offer from ASG with exact start and end dates.
2	**Documents and sponsor pack: 4 months before** You send your degrees, licence and Good Standing with certified English translations; ASG issues the signed sponsorship letter, undertaking and this brochure.
3	**NMC application: at least 3 months before** You apply online for Temporary Permission u/s 34. NMC may ask the sponsor for clarifications; ASG answers them.
4	**Permission, then visa** Apply for the Indian visa only after the permission is granted (see next page).
5	**Joining** Training starts on the permitted date and ends on or before its expiry.

Documents for NMC Temporary Permission

You apply online on the NMC portal (Temporary Permission u/s 34, NMC Act, 2019) and upload the following. Any document not in English must be uploaded with a certified English translation.

UPLOADED BY THE FELLOW	
1	Passport (photo and details page, valid well beyond the fellowship end date) and a recent passport-size photograph
2	All medical degrees: primary medical degree and postgraduate or specialist qualification in ophthalmology (original and certified English translation)
3	Medical registration certificate or licence to practise from the home country, valid for the whole fellowship
4	Certificate of Good Standing from the licence-granting authority (original and certified English translation)
5	Application fee as notified by NMC

PROVIDED BY ASG, FOR THE FELLOW TO UPLOAD

6 Sponsorship letter from the head of the institution, on letterhead, in NMC's prescribed format, stating the supervised hands-on training and its basis: para 5.A2(b), Guidelines on Temporary Registration, 18.01.2024

7 Programme brochure (this document)

After the Permission: Visa and Arrival

- **Visa.** Apply at the Indian Embassy or Consulate where you live. In 2026 the fellow received a student (S-1) visa endorsed for this fellowship; the category is decided by the visa authority.
- **Letters from ASG.** Admission letter, bonafide certificate, fee letter (no course fee) and a letter on stipend and accommodation. You add your bank statement and the visa undertaking form.
- **Health.** Carry a yellow fever vaccination certificate if you travel from or through a yellow fever country.
- **Single entry.** If your visa is single entry, you cannot leave India and return during the fellowship.
- **On arrival.** Share your passport and visa with ASG on day one, and complete FRRO registration online if your visa requires it.
- **Dates.** Training runs only within the dates of the NMC permission, even if the visa is valid for longer.

Good to know: NMC may ask for clarifications by email; ASG replies as sponsor in the same thread. Permission and visa together can take three months or more, so start early. The checklist on the NMC portal at the time of application prevails.

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CHECKLIST

Documents at a Glance

Tick each item before you apply. Documents not in English need a certified English translation. Apply for the visa only after the NMC permission is granted.

NMC TEMPORARY PERMISSION (BEFORE THE VISA)

YOU PROVIDE

- ☐ Passport: photo and details page
- ☐ Recent passport-size photograph
- ☐ Primary medical degree, with certified English translation
- ☐ Postgraduate or specialist degree in ophthalmology, with certified English translation
- ☐ Medical registration or licence, valid for the whole fellowship
- ☐ Certificate of Good Standing, with certified English translation
- ☐ Details of any earlier Indian temporary registration
- ☐ NMC application fee

ASG PROVIDES

- ☐ Sponsorship letter on letterhead, in NMC's format, stating the supervised hands-on training and para 5.A2(b)
- ☐ Sponsor's undertaking of responsibility
- ☐ Programme brochure (this document)

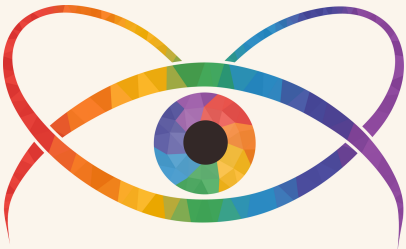
STUDENT VISA (AFTER THE PERMISSION)

YOU PROVIDE

- ☐ Passport valid well beyond the fellowship
- ☐ Photograph to the Embassy's specification
- ☐ Copy of the NMC Temporary Permission letter
- ☐ Bank statement showing funds for travel and stay
- ☐ Student visa undertaking form, signed
- ☐ Yellow fever vaccination certificate, if you travel from or through a yellow fever country

ASG PROVIDES

- ☐ Letter of admission with dates and duration
- ☐ Bonafide certificate quoting the NMC permission
- ☐ Fee letter: no course fee (in place of a receipt)
- ☐ Letter on stipend and accommodation
- ☐ Sponsor letter to the Embassy, if a Ministry of Health NOC is asked for



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TRAINING CENTRE

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