

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery Second Robert E. Gross Research Scholarship, 2003-2005

STIPEND \$50,000 PER YEAR

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery announces the AATS Second Robert E. Gross Research Scholarship to provide an opportunity for research, training, and experience for a North American surgeon committed to pursuing an academic career in cardiothoracic surgery. The scholarship will be funded by the Association and administered by the Graham Education and Research Foundation.

The research program must be undertaken within the first three years after completion of an approved cardiothoracic residency. Applications for the scholarship may be submitted during the candidate's final year of cardiothoracic residency or during his or her first two years in an academic position. The duration of the scholarship is to be two years.

The yearly stipend shall be \$50,000 paid to the host institution. In addition, a grant of \$5000 per year shall be made for support of research supplies, travel, and other legitimate academic expenses of the scholar. Applications for the scholarship are available from the Secretary of The American Association for Thoracic Surgery. The application will consist of three components:

1. The candidate must submit a proposal for the research to be undertaken and a statement of career plans and how the research activity will relate to the candidate's academic career.
2. The Director of the laboratory in the institution at which the research will be performed shall submit an endorsement of the proposal and indicate the facilities and degree of support available for the candidate's research.

3. The Chairman of the candidate's department shall submit his or her endorsement of the proposal and indicate the willingness of the institution to provide an academic appointment for the candidate upon completion of the scholarship.

The application and its three components shall be submitted to the Secretary of The American Association for Thoracic Surgery by **July 1, 2002**. Announcement of the award will be made by the President of The American Association for Thoracic Surgery by December 15, 2002. The Scholarship will begin July 1, 2003. Following completion of the two-year program the scholar shall submit a written report of his/her research activities to the membership of the Association. In May 2005 the Scholar shall present a five-minute report of his/her experience at the Plenary Session of the AATS annual meeting.

Applications for the scholarship are available from:

Tirone E. David, MD, Secretary
The American Association for Thoracic Surgery
Thirteen Elm Street
Manchester, MA 01944-1314
978-526-8330; fax: 978-526-4018

Applications may be downloaded from the AATS Web site at: <http://www.aats.org/doc/4939>.

Announcement of 2003 Annual Meeting

The Eighty-third Annual Meeting of The American Association for Thoracic Surgery will be held May 4-7, 2003, in Boston, Massachusetts, at the Hynes Convention Center. The meeting of the Association is open to all physicians. House Officers and Fellows will be admitted without payment of a registration fee upon presentation of a letter from their Chief of Service either during pre-registration or at the time of registration. Nonmember physicians will be required to pay a \$250 registration fee. Members, nonmember physicians, and invited speakers will have the privilege of discussing papers.

Requests for Preregistration Forms and Hotel Reservations

Information on the 2003 Annual Meeting, including registration, hotel accommodations, and the social program, will be available in January 2003. Requests should be forwarded directly to:

American Association for Thoracic Surgery
Thirteen Elm Street
Manchester, MA 01944
978-526-8330; fax: 978-526-7521
e-mail: aats@prri.com

Registration and hotel information will be available on our Web site at aats.org.

Call for Abstracts

Authors submitting abstracts for the 2003 Annual Meeting must use electronic submission. Abstracts submitted electronically for consideration for presentation at the 2003 meeting must be received on or before **October 18, 2003**. Abstracts received after the deadline will not be considered by the Program Committee. The work must not have been presented or reported elsewhere.

Electronic Submission

Deadline for submission is **October 18, 2002**. Please submit your abstract via the World Wide Web. All abstract submissions must be in the structured format as required by *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*. The structured abstract is to contain the following major headings: *Objective(s)*, *Methods*, *Results*, and *Conclusions*, and it should clearly reflect the content of the completed paper. No reference should be made on the abstract to the names or institutions of the authors.

Receipt of each abstract will be acknowledged by e-mail, fax, or mail. Notification of the decision of the Program Committee will be distributed by January 17, 2003.

Essayists selected for the program are reminded that papers presented at the meeting are to be submitted for consideration for publication to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and must be handed to the Chair immediately prior to their presentation.

C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum

The C. Walton Lillehei Resident Forum will be held on Tuesday morning, May 6, 2003. Made possible through an educational grant from St Jude Medical, the Forum will consist of the presentation of original work by residents in thoracic surgical training programs around the world. Abstracts submitted for the award should follow the guidelines of abstract submission for electronic submission noted above. The abstracts submitted for consideration for this Forum will be evaluated by the Program Committee and eight will be selected for presentation during the forum. Each of the selected authors will receive round-trip travel and accommodations for the duration of the AATS annual meeting. Additionally, one presentation will be selected by the Program Committee to receive the AATS C. Walton Lillehei Residents' Award, a \$5000 prize. Thoracic Surgery Program Directors are urged to have their residents participate in this Forum.

Abstract Deadline—Abstracts received after the deadline will not be considered

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Applications for Membership

Applications for membership in the Association must be received by the Membership Committee Chairman no later than October 1, 2002. Applications received after that date will be deferred automatically for consideration until the 2004 meeting.

Applicants must be sponsored by three Active or Senior Members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Members should write the Chairman of the Membership Committee requesting that an application form be sent to the candidate. Requests may be sent to:

Chairman, Membership Committee
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