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The AATS Foundation
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Thank you to those who have shown that you understand the importance of giving generously to support the next generation of cardiothoracic surgeons. Now is the time to donate and underwrite the scholarship that advances the mission.

There are a variety of options for donors who want to ensure the future of cardiothoracic surgery, including direct gifts, donated honoraria and stock, planned gifts, and tribute/memorial gifts. There are also opportunities to start a program in honor of a mentor or fund a named award that will support a surgical investigator.

The matching grant issued by the AATS remains active up to a total of $250,000. Every individual one-time gift of $2,500 or more will be doubled, making each dollar you contribute twice as valuable.

Learn more about the various ways to make a gift on aats-foundation.org.

The AATS Foundation offers a number of opportunities across the three subspecialties that provide recipients with access to surgical mentorship, training, research, and educational support. The following programs are currently accepting applications through December 1, 2021.

Adult Cardiac
- James L. Cox Fellowship in Atrial Fibrillation Surgery
- Matthew Gerdisch Fellowship in Arrhythmia Surgery

NEW PROGRAM

“It was an incredible experience to join this world-renowned group of surgeons and participate in the most complex Cardiac and Aortic Surgery cases. Although it was fascinating to witness the spectacular team approach, I was also equally impressed by the history and legendary stories behind the walls of Texas Heart Institute, the place most people consider the birthplace of Modern Cardiac Surgery.”
- DR. MICHAEL MACARAKIS, MD
DESTINOLA COOLEY FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Thoracic
- Thoracic Surgical Robotics Fellowship

Multi-Specialty
- AATS Foundation Cohn Lectureship
- Japanese Association for Thoracic Surgery Fellowship
- Summer Intern Scholarship
- Valerie Rusch Mentored Career Development Award

NEW PROGRAM

Research
- Cardiac Surgical Resident Investigator Award NEW PROGRAM
- David J. Sugarbaker Surgical Resident Investigator Award NEW PROGRAM
- Research Scholarship
- Surgical Investigator Award

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

WTSA 47th Annual Meeting

New Date & Location!
September 30-October 2, 2021
Arizona Grand
Phoenix, Arizona

Visit westernthoracic.org for the latest updates, including the preliminary program, registration, and housing.

Applications for WTSA Membership

The WTSA is now accepting Applications for Membership online for Active as well as Candidate membership status for the 2022 membership cycle. Visit the WTSA Web site at www.westernthoracic.org to read the complete membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

Active Member
$375 annually, plus $50 initiation fee
Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Reside within or have completed a cardiothoracic residency training program within the geographic limits of the Association.
- Have been engaged in the practice of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery for at least three years following completion of postgraduate training. If a candidate completed his/her thoracic surgical residency or a one-year clinical fellowship in an institution within the geographic limits of the Association, such completion may count toward one of the three years of practice.
- Have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in his or her respective state or province, and have a current appointment on the surgical staff of a hospital with no reportable action pending which could adversely affect such applicant’s staff privileges at any hospital.

Candidate Member
$100 annually
Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Be matched or enrolled in either a cardiothoracic surgery education program accredited by the Residency Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery under the authority of the ACGME or a program approved for cardiothoracic surgery education by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada—or their equivalency—from within the Association’s geographic limits. Individuals who have completed their education in one of the above programs but do not yet meet all of the criteria for Active membership also are eligible to apply for Candidate membership. Individuals who trained outside the Association’s geographic limits who are now residing within the Association’s boundaries but do not yet have three years in practice may also apply for Candidate membership.

An application must include the following uploads: a photo, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and, for Active applicants, the 3 most significant articles that s/he personally wrote. The application must be completed and submitted online by March 1, 2022, and all support letter(s) (three for Active applicants, one for Candidates) uploaded by that applicant’s sponsor(s) by March 31, 2022, in order for the applicant to be considered for election to membership at the 2022 Annual Meeting.