
Heller School Executive Leadership Program scholarships available

The American College of Surgeons is offering scholarships to subsidize attendance and participation in the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management (<http://heller.brandeis.edu/academic/elp.html>) at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. The 2009 course takes place June 14–19, and the \$8,000 award is to be used toward the cost of tuition, travel, housing, and subsistence during the course and post-course follow-up periods.

Two 2009 scholarships are reserved for general surgeons and are fully funded by the College. In addition, several of the surgical specialty societies have partnered with the ACS to cosponsor a scholarship for a member in good standing of both the College and his or her surgical society. The participating societies supporting scholarships are the American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head & Neck Surgery Foundation, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the American Pediatric Surgical Society, the American Society of Breast Surgeons, the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, the American Surgical Association, the American Urogynecologic Society, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and the Society for

Vascular Surgery. The American Urological Association (AUA) will also cosponsor a health policy scholarship with the College, via the mechanism of the AUA's Gallagher Scholars program (visit www.AUAnet.org/Gallagher).

General policies covering the granting of the scholarships are as follows:

- The award is open to surgeons who are general surgeons or members in good standing of one of the listed societies and of the American College of Surgeons. Applicants must be at least 30 years of age, but younger than 55 on the date that the completed application is filed.

- The award is to be used to support the recipient during the period of the course and the period of service following. Indirect costs are not paid to the recipient or to the recipient's institution.

- Applications for this scholarship consist of one copy of each of the following items:

- The applicant's current curriculum vitae

- A one-page essay, discussing why the applicant wishes to receive the scholarship

- Application for this award may be submitted even if comparable application to other organizations has been made. If the recipient accepts a similar scholarship from another agency or organization, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

It is the responsibility of the recipient to notify the Scholarships Section of the ACS, which administers this program, of competing awards.

- The scholarship must be used in the year for which it is designated. It cannot be postponed.

- The selected scholar is required to provide one year's health policy-related assistance to the ACS and the cosponsoring society, attending meetings, reviewing applications, and so forth, as requested by either organization.

- A brief report of the scholar's experiences and activities is due at the conclusion of the course and again at the end of scholarship period. A simple accounting is also required.

The closing date for receipt of applications is February 1, 2009. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by March 31, 2009.

Questions may be directed to the ACS Scholarships Administrator at 312/202-5281. Requirements for the scholarships are available at <http://www.facs.org/memberservices/research.html>.

Send applications for this scholarship to Scholarships Section, American College of Surgeons, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211.