
Faculty research fellowships offered for 2010–2012

The American College of Surgeons is offering two-year faculty research fellowships, through the generosity of Fellows, chapters, and friends of the College, to surgeons entering academic careers in surgery or a surgical specialty. The fellowship award is \$40,000 per year for each of the two years, and is intended to assist a surgeon in the establishment of a new and independent research program. Applicants are required to demonstrate their potential to work as independent investigators.

Faculty Research Fellowships are sponsored by the Scholarship Endowment Fund of the College. The Franklin H. Martin, MD, FACS, Faculty Research Fellowship honors the founder of the College. The C. James Carrico, MD, FACS, Faculty Research Fellowship for the Study of Trauma and Critical Care honors the late Dr. Carrico.

General policies covering the awarding of the American College of Surgeons Faculty Research Fellowships are:

- The fellowship is open to Fellows or Associate Fellows of the College who have: (1) completed the chief residency year or accredited fellowship training within the preceding three years; and (2) received a full-time faculty appointment in a department of surgery or a surgical specialty at a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education in the United States, or by the Committee for Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools in Canada. Preference will be given to applicants who directly enter academic surgery following residency or fellowship.

- This award may be used by the recipient for support of his or her research or academic enrichment in any fashion that the recipient deems maximally supportive of his or her investigations. The fellowship grant is to support the research of the recipient and is not to diminish or replace the usual, expected compensation or benefits. Indirect costs are not paid to the recipient or to the recipient's institution.

- Application for this fellowship may be submitted even if comparable applications have been made to organizations such as the National Institutes of

Health (NIH) or industry sources. If the recipient is offered a scholarship, fellowship, or research career development award from such an agency or organization, it is the responsibility of the recipient to contact the College's Scholarships Administrator to request approval of the additional award. The Scholarships Committee reserves the right to review potentially overlapping awards and adjust its award accordingly.

- The College encourages the applicant to leverage the funds provided by this fellowship with time and monies provided by the applicant's department. Formal statements of matching funds and time from the applicant's department will promote favorable review by the College.

- Supporting letters from the head of the department of surgery (or the surgical specialty) and from the mentor supervising the applicant's research effort must be submitted. This approval would involve a commitment to continuation of the academic position and of facilities for research. Only in exceptional circumstances will more than one fellowship be granted in a single year to applicants from the same institution.

- The applicant must submit a research plan and budget for the two-year period of fellowship, even though renewed approval by the Scholarships Committee of the College is required for the second year.

- A minimum of 50 percent of the Fellow's time must be spent in the research proposed in the application. This percentage may run concurrently with the time requirements of NIH or other accepted funding.

- The Fellow is expected to attend the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons in 2012 to present a report to the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems (Surgical Forum) and to receive a certificate at the annual meeting of the Scholarships Committee.

The closing date for receipt of applications and all supporting documents is **November 2, 2009**. Application forms may be obtained from the College's Web site: http://www.facs.org/member_services/research.html.