
AWS issues call for AWS Foundation Visiting Professor Program

The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) has issued a call for applications for its AWS Visiting Professor Program, which allows women surgeons to share their expertise with medical students. This program provides medical schools with the opportunity to request top women surgeons as speakers and receive funding from the AWS Foundation and Ethicon Endo-Surgery Inc. Lecture opportunities heighten the visibility of women surgeons while encouraging women medical students to pursue similar careers. In addition, the Visiting Professor Program promotes dialogue between practicing surgeons and the academic community.

The AWS Foundation will match the chosen visiting pro-

fessors with respective institutions and pay for travel and accommodations. Visiting professor responsibilities include the following:

- Travel to the institution selected by the AWS Foundation and participate in a two-day program; the visits usually involve lectures, discussion groups, patient evaluation, patient rounds, and possibly operative procedures arranged by the institution

- Interact with local women surgical faculty, residents, and medical students during sessions arranged by the institution

- Share information about the AWS and AWS Foundation at appropriate opportunities

- Make reservations for travel and accommodations

- Submit an expense form with back-up receipts to the AWS Foundation within 30 days after your presentation

- Submit a brief report summarizing the visit

Women surgeons who would like to be considered for the AWS Foundation/Ethicon Endo-Surgery Inc. Visiting Professor Program must complete the application and return it electronically to the AWS office by **May 15, 2009**. Institutions interested in being considered as a host site for a visiting professor must send a completed application by **August, 15, 2009**.

Information, details, and applications can be found at <http://www.womensurgeons.org/foundation/programs.htm>.

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