
International Guest Scholarships available for 2010

The American College of Surgeons is offering International Guest Scholarships in 2010 to competent young surgeons from countries other than the U.S. or Canada who have demonstrated strong interests in teaching and research. The scholarships, in the amount of \$8,000 each, provide the International Guest Scholars with an opportunity to visit clinical, teaching, and research institutions in North America and to attend and participate fully in the educational opportunities and activities of the American College of Surgeons' Clinical Congress in Washington, DC, in 2010.

This scholarship endowment was originally provided through the legacy left to the College by Paul R. Hawley, MD, FACS(Hon), former Director of the College. In addition, a 1994 bequest from the family of Abdol Islami, MD, FACS, and gifts from others to the International Guest Scholarship endowment have enabled the College to expand the number of scholarship awards.

The scholarship requirements are as follows:

- Applicants must be medical school graduates.
- Applicants must be at least 35 years of age, but younger than 45, on the date that the completed application is filed.
- Applicants must submit their applications from their intended permanent location. Applications will be accepted for processing only when the applicants have been in surgical practice, teaching, or research for a minimum of one year at their intended permanent location, following completion of all formal training (including fellowships and scholarships).
- Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to teaching and/or research in accordance with the standards of their respective home country.
- Applicants whose careers are in the developing stage are deemed more suitable for receipt of this scholarship than those who are serving in senior academic appointments.

- Applicants must submit a fully completed application form provided by the College on its Web site. The application and accompanying materials must be typewritten and in English. Submission of a curriculum vita only is not acceptable.

- Applicants must provide a list of all of their publication credits and must submit three complete publications (reprints or manuscripts) of their choosing from that list.

- Applicants must submit letters of recommendation from three of their colleagues. One letter must be from the chair of the department in which they hold academic appointment or a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons residing in their country. The chair's or the Fellow's letter must include a specific statement detailing the nature and extent of the teaching and other academic involvement of the applicant. Letters of recommendation should be submitted in envelopes and sealed by the writers

- Applicants are required to submit a curriculum vita of no more than 10 pages.

- Applicants may submit a photograph. (Passport size is preferable.)

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

- Applicants who are awarded scholarships are expected to provide a full written report of the experiences provided through the scholarships upon completion of their tours.

- An unsuccessful applicant may reapply only twice and only by completing and submitting a current application form provided by the College, together with new supporting documentation.

International Guest Scholarships provide successful applicants with the privilege of participating in the College's annual Clinical Congress in October, with public recognition of their presence. They will receive gratis admission to selected postgraduate courses plus admission to all lectures, demonstrations, and

exhibits, which are an integral part of the Clinical Congress. Assistance will be provided in arranging visits (following the Clinical Congress) to various clinics and universities of the scholars' choosing.

To qualify for consideration by the selection committee, all of the requirements must be fulfilled. Formal American College of Surgeons International Guest Scholar applications are available online on the College's Web site at <http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igs.html>. Supporting materials and questions should be directed to Administrator, International Liaison

Section, American College of Surgeons, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211 USA; Fax: 312/202-5021

Completed applications, including all supporting documentation, for the 2010 International Guest Scholarships must be received at the office of the International Liaison Section before **July 1, 2009**. All applicants will be notified of the selection committee's decision in November 2009. Applicants are urged to submit their completed application package as early as possible in order to provide sufficient time for processing.