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# ACS resident research scholarships are available

The American College of Surgeons is offering two-year resident research scholarships for July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2012. Eligibility for these scholarships is limited to the research projects of residents in surgery or a surgical specialty. American College of Surgeons' Resident Research Scholarships are supported by the generosity of Fellows, chapters, and friends of the College to encourage residents to pursue careers in academic surgery.

## *General policies*

The policies for granting of the American College of Surgeons Resident Research Scholarships are as follows:

- The applicant must be a Resident Member of the College who has completed two post-doctoral years in an accredited surgical training program in the U.S. or Canada at the time the scholarship is awarded (July 1, 2010) and shall not complete formal residency training before June 2012. Scholarships do not support research after completion of the chief residency year.

- The scholarship is awarded for two years, and acceptance of it requires commitment for the two-year period. The award is to support a research plan for the two years of the scholarship, July 2010 through June 2012. Priority will be given to the projects of residents involved in full-time laboratory investigation. Study outside the U.S. or Canada is permissible. Renewal of the scholarship for the second year is required and is contingent on the acceptance of a progress report and research study protocol for the second year, as submitted to the Scholarships Section of the College by May 1, 2011.

Application for these scholarships may be submitted even if comparable application to other organizations has been made. If the recipient is offered a scholarship, fellowship, or research award from another organization, it is the responsibility of the recipient to contact the College's Scholarships Administrator to request approval of the additional award. The Scholar-

ships Committee reserves the right to review potentially overlapping awards and to adjust its award accordingly.

- The scholarship is \$30,000 per year; the total amount is to support the research of the recipient and is not to diminish or replace the usual or expected compensation or benefits of the recipient. Indirect costs are not paid to the recipient or to the recipient's institution.

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

- Approval of the application is required from the administration (dean or fiscal officer) of the institution. Supporting letters from the head of the department of surgery (or the surgical specialty) and from the mentor who will be supervising the applicant's research should be submitted. Only in exceptional circumstances will more than one scholarship be granted in a single year to applicants from the same institution.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications and all supporting documents is **September 1, 2009**.

Application forms may be obtained at <http://www.facs.org/memberservices/research.html>, or upon request from the Scholarships Section, American College of Surgeons, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211.