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# ANZ Traveling Fellowship for 2012 announced

The International Relations Committee of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) announces the availability of the Australia and New Zealand (ANZ) Traveling Fellowship. The purpose of this fellowship is to encourage international exchange of surgical science, practice, and education, and to establish professional and academic collaborations and friendships.

## **Basic requirements**

The scholarship is available to a Fellow of the ACS, in most of the surgical specialties, who meets the following requirements:

- A major interest, and accomplishment in, basic sciences related to surgery
- Holds a current full-time academic appointment in the U.S. or Canada
- Under 45 years of age on the date the application is filed
- Enthusiastic, personable, and possesses good communication skills

## **Activities**

The Fellow is required to spend a minimum of two or three weeks in Australia and New Zealand, and to engage in the following activities:

- Attend and participate in the annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 7–11, 2012
- Participate in the formal convocation ceremony
- Attend and address the ANZ Chapter meeting
- Visit at least two medical centers in Australia and New Zealand to lecture, and to share clinical and scientific expertise with the local surgeons

The academic and geographic aspects of the itinerary would be finalized in consultation and mutual agreement between the Fellow and the President or designated representative of the Australia and New Zealand Chapter of the ACS. The surgical centers selected for a visit would

depend, to some extent, on the special interests and expertise of the Fellow and his or her previously established professional contacts with surgeons in Australia and New Zealand.

His or her spouse is welcome to accompany the chosen applicant. There will be many opportunities for social interaction, in addition to professional activities.

## **Financial support**

The College will provide \$8,000 to the chosen applicant, who will also be exempted from registration fees for the annual Scientific Congress. He or she must meet all travel and living expenses. Senior chapter representatives will consult with the Fellow about the centers to be visited in Australia and New Zealand, the local arrangements for each center, and other advice and recommendations regarding travel schedules. The Fellow is urged to make his or her own travel arrangements in North America, due to the likely availability of reduced fares and packages for travel in Australia and New Zealand.

The ACS International Relations Committee will select the Fellow after reviewing and evaluating the final applications. A personal interview may be requested prior to the final selection.

Applications for this traveling scholarship may be obtained from the College's website, <http://www.facs.org/memberservices/research.html>, or by writing to the International Liaison, American College of Surgeons, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is **November 15, 2010**. The successful applicant, and an alternate, will be selected and notified by March 2011.