
ACS Traveling Fellowship to Japan available

The International Relations Committee of the American College of Surgeons announces the availability of the ACS Traveling Fellowship to Japan.

Purpose

The purpose of this fellowship is to encourage international exchange of surgical scientific information. The ACS Traveling Fellow will visit Japan, and a Japanese Traveling Fellow will visit North America.

Basic requirements

The scholarship is available to a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in most of the surgical specialties who meets the following requirements:

- Has a major interest and accomplishment in clinical and basic science related to surgery
- Holds a current full-time academic appointment in Canada or the U.S.
- Is younger than 45 years on the date the application is filed
- Is enthusiastic, personable, and possesses good communication skills

Activities

The Fellow is required to spend a minimum of two weeks in Japan, pursuing the following goals:

- To attend and participate in the annual meeting of the Japan Surgical Society, which will be held in Tokyo, Japan, May 26–28, 2011
- To attend the ACS Japan Chapter meeting during that congress
- To visit at least two medical centers (other than the annual meeting city) in Japan before or after the annual meeting of the Japan Surgical Society 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 designated representatives of the Japan Surgical Society and the ACS Japan Chapter. To some

extent, the surgical centers to be visited would depend on the special interests and expertise of the Fellow and his or her previously established professional contacts with surgeons in Japan.

A spouse is welcome to accompany the successful applicant. There will be opportunities for social interaction, in addition to professional activities.

Financial support

The College will provide the sum of \$7,500 U.S. to the successful applicant, who will also be exempted from registration fees for the annual meeting of the Japan Surgical Society.

The selected Traveling Fellow must meet all travel and living expenses. Senior Japan Surgical Society and ACS Japan Chapter representatives will consult with the Fellow about the centers to be visited in Japan, the local arrangements for each center, and other advice and recommendations regarding travel schedules. The Fellow is to make his or her own travel arrangements in North America, as this makes reduced fares and travel packages available for travel in Japan.

The American College of Surgeons International Relations Committee will select the Fellow after review and evaluation of the final applications. A personal interview may be requested prior to the final selection.

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

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is **June 1**.

The successful applicant and an alternate will be selected and notified by November 1.