## 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 basic science, clinical/translational science, or health services research related to surgery
- Holds a current full-time academic appointment in Canada or the United States
- Is under 50 years of age 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.

- To attend and participate in the annual meeting of the Japan Surgical Society, which will be held in Yokohama (April 16–18, 2020)
- To attend the Japan ACS 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 Japan ACS Chapter. The surgical centers to be visited 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 Japan.

His or her 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 $10,000 U.S. to the successful applicant who will also be exempted from registration fees for the annual meeting of the Japan Surgical Society.

He/she 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 about travel schedules. The Fellow is to make his/her own travel arrangements in North America, because doing so will allow him/her to take advantage of reduced fares and travel packages for travel in Japan.

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

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is November 15, 2018. The successful applicant and an alternate will be selected and notified by March 2019.

Please send applications for this fellowship in the form of a single PDF to scholarships@facs.org.