

2024-2025 Surgical History Fellowship

Sponsored by the History and Archives Committee of the American College of Surgeons

Purpose: To support an individual research scholar to engage directly with the archival collections of the Archives of the American College of Surgeons [ACS].

Who is eligible: The fellowship will be awarded to the most qualified applicant submitting a proposal which focuses on an aspect of American surgical history that capitalizes on the resources available in the ACS Archives.

Award: \$2,000 stipend to cover costs associated with research such as travel and lodging. The recipient will hold the Archives Fellowship from July 1 – June 30 of each year.

Qualifications:

- applicant should have a strong background in history, as evidenced by peer-reviewed publications (or, if a student/resident/junior scholar, have a letter of support from an advisor/co-author with such credentials)
- applicant must submit a clear written outline of his/her project and the steps necessary to execute it
- applicant must demonstrate how the ACS collections are integral to the completion of the project
- applicant must:
 - a) be a member of the American College of Surgeons, or
 - b) become a member at the appropriate level if chosen as the award recipient*

*If the individual selected for the award is not a current ACS member, they must apply for and be accepted as a member at the appropriate level [affiliate member, medical student, resident, etc.] prior to receiving the stipend.

Deliverable: The recipient is invited to submit an article for publication consideration in the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons* or other suitable peer-reviewed publication by the end of the fellowship year.

The recipient will be expected to present his/her research at the History of Surgery Community Breakfast at the Clinical Congress following the fellowship year.

Resources: The Fellowship recipient will have access to the holdings of the ACS Archives and the support of its staff. The recipient is strongly advised travel to the ACS Archives in Chicago, or the Orr Collection in Omaha, in person to access these resources.

Selection Process: The recipient will be selected by a sub-committee of the Surgical History Group.

To Apply:

Please submit the following material no later than **May 1, 2024**:

- Archives Fellowship Application Form
- Project proposal including a clear written outline of the project and the steps necessary to execute an article submission [limit 1000 words]
- Summary of how the collections of the ACS Archives are **integral** to the completion of the project [limit 500 words]
- A current curriculum vitae [CV]
- Letter of recommendation (optional) for students/residents/junior scholars by a senior scholar who can attest to the quality and importance of the work

Send completed applications or questions to:

Michael Beesley, ACS Archivist
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Timeline:

1 March 2024: Fellowship open to applications

1 May 2024: Fellowship closed to applications

15 June 2024: Award recipient announced

1 July 2024: Fellowship begins

30 June 2025: Fellowship ends

October 2025: Presentation of research at Clinical Congress 2025 in Chicago, IL.