



New International Chapter Opportunity: Develop an ACS-Based Education Course

The International Relations Committee of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) is pleased to announce a special opportunity for international ACS Chapters provided by the Dr. Pon Satitpunwaycha Fund, known as the Dr. Pon Fund. The Dr. Pon Fund will allow international chapters to create a local educational course that includes faculty from the ACS.

The goals of this competitive grant program are:

1. To promote surgical education to the international surgical community
2. To encourage the active involvement of the international chapters in ACS activities

A total of \$25,000 per year will be made available to international chapters to develop educational courses in their own countries. Subject to the quality, merit, and requirements of each proposal, grants up to \$12,500 will be awarded to up to two chapters, one of which may be preferentially designated for a developing nation as defined by the World Bank. An international chapter may use the grant to present the ACS General Surgery Review Course or to develop other surgery-focused courses in its home country. The grant is intended to cover necessary costs, such as the travel expenses of ACS faculty who will teach the course. The grant is not expected to cover all expenses related to course material, venue rental, AV equipment, or food; therefore, chapter funds should be used to support those expenses.

- International chapters will submit an application. Applications must consist of the following, in this order, submitted as a single PDF document.
 1. The title of the proposed course.
 2. A description/purpose of activity explaining why such a course is needed in the country, the targeted audience (surgeons, trainees, nurses, other), and learning objectives.
 3. Duration of the course (1 to 2.5 days) and the proposed date for presentation.
 4. Course format (lectures, hands-on sessions, other). Submission of a preliminary program is required.
 5. Names of proposed faculty, both local and international. International faculty will ideally support or represent 50–60 percent of the faculty. U.S.-based ACS Fellows will ideally represent 40–50 percent of the faculty.
 6. A conflict of interest form must be submitted for each faculty member.
 7. Costs broken out by category (travel, materials, etc.).
 8. A letter of support from the organizing institution or university.
 9. It is appropriate for chapters to apply for this award as a matching fund to their own contribution.

● Additional program details:

1. Preference will be given to proposals from chapters that demonstrate additional funds from other sources. Preference will also be given to proposals that can be replicated in other international chapters.
2. The chapter must demonstrate ways it will encourage surgical trainees and medical students to attend and participate in their event.
3. A detailed report of activities must be submitted at the conclusion of the event. In addition, a detailed financial breakdown of grant use is required.

All proposals must be made by an officer of an international ACS chapter and should be submitted electronically to the International Liaison at kearly@facs.org.

The deadline for submission of proposals is January 15, 2018. All applicants will be notified of the outcome in early April 2018.

