



# Traveling Fellowship to Australia and New Zealand

The International Relations Committee of the American College of Surgeons announces the availability of a traveling fellowship to Australia and New Zealand.

## Purpose

The purpose of this fellowship is to encourage international exchange of information concerning surgical science, practice, and education and to establish professional and academic collaborations and friendships.

The ACS Traveling Fellow will visit Australia and New Zealand, and a Traveling Fellow from Australia or New Zealand 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 sciences related to surgery
- Holds a current full-time academic appointment in Canada or the United States
- Is under 45 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 or three weeks in Australia and New Zealand.

- To attend and participate in the Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, which will be held in Perth, Australia (May 5–8, 2015)
- To participate in the formal convocation ceremony of that congress
- To attend and address the ANZ Chapter meeting during that congress
- To visit at least two medical centers in Australia and New Zealand before or after the Annual Scientific Congress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons to lecture and to share clinical and scientific expertise with the local surgeons

In the event that the selected applicant is from a surgical specialty which is not participating in the RACS Congress, specific negotiations will be necessary to ensure the Traveling Fellow's participation in a national meeting of that specialty.

The academic and geographic aspects of the itinerary will 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 American College of Surgeons. The surgical centers to be visited 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 successful applicant. There will be many opportunities for social interaction, as well as these professional activities.

## Financial Support

The College will provide the sum of \$10,000 U.S. to the successful applicant. He/she must meet all travel, living expenses, and registration. Senior Chapter representatives will consult with the Fellow about the centres to be visited in Australia and New Zealand, the local arrangements for each centre, and other advice and recommendations about travel schedules. The Fellow is to make his/her own travel arrangements in North America, as this makes available to him/her reduced fares and travel packages for travel in Australia and New Zealand.

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 website [www.facs.org](http://www.facs.org) or by writing to the address below.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is November 15, 2013. The successful applicant and an alternate will be selected and notified by March 2014.



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