Esteeemed Colleague in Surgery,

Since 1968, the American College of Surgeons has offered **International Guest Scholarships (IGS)** to outstanding young surgeons from countries other than the United States and Canada, who have demonstrated strong interests and accomplishments in teaching and research. **Applications are now being accepted for the International Guest Scholarships for the year 2014. The closing date for receipt of applications and all supporting documentation is 1 July 2013.**

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of $10,000 US, participation in the Clinical Congress, and the expectation of visits to several North American clinical and research sites of the Scholar’s choice. A mentor will be assigned to assist the Scholar to plan his or her tour.

I seek your cooperation in publicizing the availability of the International Guest Scholarships. The International Relations Committee of the College has requested that the requirements for the International Guest Scholarships be widely distributed and we appreciate your society’s cooperation. The online requirements include all pertinent information about eligibility and the simplified new online application process itself.

Scholarship requirements and the improved online application form may be accessed from:

- [http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igs.html](http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igs.html) (English)
- [http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igsespanol.html](http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igsespanol.html) (Spanish)
- [http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igsfraancis.html](http://www.facs.org/memberservices/igsfraancis.html) (French)

Please note that scholarship applications and additional materials must be submitted in **English.**

One of the International Guest Scholarships is dedicated to a Greek or Greek heritage surgeon. Another is dedicated to a surgeon working in wound care. The new Dr. Murray Brennan IGS is designated for a surgical oncologist, preferably from Australia or New Zealand.

The **International Relations Committee is very pleased to announce a related program, the Community Surgeons Travel Awards program (CSTA).** This award also assists international surgeons to attend the annual Clinical Congress, but places less emphasis upon
their academic and publication achievement for eligibility and is open to a
greater age range. This program offers a stipend of $4,000, and includes
attendance and participation at Clinical Congress, gratis admission to several
postgraduate courses and a mentor to provide advice. **For the coming 1
July 2013 application deadline, preference will be given to
surgeons practicing in Southeast Asia.**

Program requirements and the online application form for CSTA may be
accessed from:

http://www.facs.org/memberservices/community-travel.html

Please direct questions to Ms. Kate Early, International Liaison, via email, at
kearly@facs.org, or at the College’s airmail address.

**The deadline for receipt of all application materials for both the
International Guest Scholarships and the new Community
Surgeon Travel Awards is 1 July 2013 for attendance at the
2014 Clinical Congress.**

With many thanks for your kind assistance,

Patricia L. Turner, MD, FACS
Director, Division of Member Services
International Guest Scholarships

The American College of Surgeons offers International Guest Scholarships to young surgeons from countries other than the United States or Canada who have demonstrated strong interests in teaching and research. The scholarships, in the amount of $10,000 each, provide the Scholars with an opportunity to visit clinical, teaching, and research activities in North America and to attend and participate fully in the educational opportunities and activities of the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress.

This scholarship endowment was originally provided through the legacy left to the College by Dr. Paul R. Hawley (FACS Hon), former College Director. More recently, gifts from the family of Dr. Abdul Islami (FACS), the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, and others to the International Guest Scholarship endowment have enabled the College to expand the number of scholarship awards.

The scholarship requirements are:

- Applicants must be graduates of schools of medicine.
- Applicants must be at least 35 years old, but under 45, on the date that the completed application is filed.
- Applicants must submit their applications from their intended permanent location. Applications will be accepted for processing only when the applicants have been in surgical practice, teaching, or research for a minimum of one year at their intended permanent location, following completion of all formal training (including fellowships and scholarships).
- Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to teaching and/or research in accordance with the standards of the applicant's country.
- Early careerists are deemed more suitable than those who are serving in senior academic appointments.
- Applicants must submit a fully completed application form provided by the College on its website. The application and accompanying materials must be typewritten and in English. Submission of a curriculum vitae only is not acceptable.
- Applicants must provide a list of all of their publications and must submit, in addition, three complete publications (reprints or manuscripts) of their choice from that list.
- Preference may be given to applicants who have not already experienced training or surgical fellowships in North America.
- Applicants must submit independently prepared letters of recommendation from three of their colleagues. One letter must be from the chair of the department in which they hold academic appointment or a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons residing in their country. The chair's or the Fellow's letter is to include a specific statement detailing the nature and extent of the teaching and other academic involvement of the applicant. Letters of recommendation should be submitted by the person making the recommendation.
- The application form is structured to assist the Scholarship Selection Subcommittee and assists the applicant in submitting a structured curriculum vitae. Additional information (a maximum of four pages) may be attached if desired.
- The International Guest Scholarships must be used in the year for which they are designated. They cannot be postponed.
- Applicants who are awarded scholarships are expected to provide a full written report of the experiences provided through the scholarships upon completion of their tours.
- An unsuccessful applicant may reapply only twice and only by completing and submitting a current application form provided by the College, together with new supporting documentation.
- The scholarships provide successful applicants with the privilege of participating in the College's annual Clinical Congress in October 2014, with public recognition of their presence. They will receive gratis admission to selected postgraduate courses plus admission to all lectures, demonstrations, and exhibits, which are an integral part of the Clinical Congress. Assistance will be provided in arranging visits, following the Clinical Congress, to various clinics and universities of their choice.

In order to qualify for consideration by the selection committee, all of the requirements must be fulfilled.

Formal American College of Surgeons International Guest Scholar applications appear online on the College's website (www.facs.org/memberservices/i gs.html). Supporting materials and questions should be directed to the address below.

Completed applications for the International Guest Scholarships for the year 2014 and all of the supporting documentation must be received at the office of the International Liaison Section prior to July 1, 2013, in order for an applicant to receive consideration by the selection committee. All applicants will be notified of the selection committee's decision in November 2013. Applicants are urged to submit their completed applications and supporting documents as early as possible in order to provide sufficient time for processing.

Please send applications for this scholarship to:

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