INTERNATIONAL GUEST SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR YOUNG SURGEONS

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Please send applications for this scholarship to:
keearly@facs.org
International Liaison Section • American College of Surgeons
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provide advice. For the coming 1 July 2013 application deadline, preference will be given to surgeons practicing in Southeast Asia.

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Patricia L. Turner, MD, FACS
Director, Division of Member Services
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More information regarding the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program can be found at http://www.acsnsqip.org.

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