



AAS

Association for
Academic Surgery

**2012 AAS FOUNDATION RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIP AWARD**
FOR RESIDENTS & FELLOWS

JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2014

APPLICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
INVITATION FOR INTERVIEW ISSUED TO FINALISTS: JANUARY 5, 2012
FINALISTS INTERVIEWED AT ASC: FEBRUARY 13, 2012
AWARDEE ANNOUNCED AT AAS RESEARCH
AWARDS SESSION THE 2012 ACADEMIC SURGICAL CONGRESS

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Proposal Title: _____

Award Applicant:

Name: _____
Institution: _____
Department: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
AAS Membership Status: Candidate Member Active Member

Applicant's Educational Training

	Institution	Degree	Years
Undergraduate	_____	_____	_____
Medical School:	_____	_____	_____
Graduate School:	_____	_____	_____
Residency:	_____	_____	_____
Present Position:	_____	_____	_____

Sponsoring AAS Research Mentor for Current Proposal:

Name: _____
Institution: _____
Department: _____
Address: _____
Mentor's AAS membership status: Active member Senior member

Extramural Support Pending:

Indicate whether this proposal has been or will be submitted to other extramural funding sources (check):

NIH-NRSA ACS SUS SIS Other _____

Please forward completed application to:

Association for Academic Surgery
11300 W. Olympic Blvd. Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90064
Phone: 310/437-1606 Fax: 310/437-0585
aaron@asurg.org

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The Executive Council is pleased to announce the 2012 AAS Foundation Research Fellowship Award for residents and fellows. The intent of this award is to provide an eligible resident or fellow who has completed at least two years of postgraduate training in a surgical discipline the opportunity to spend two years in a full-time basic or clinical research position with an AAS member. The award of \$20,000 per year for two years may be used for salary support or for the direct-cost expenditures of the research. The award is to be expended solely for the purpose of the sponsored research. Funding for the Award will begin **July 1, 2012**. The deadline for receipt of completed applications will be **September 1, 2011**.

Active or senior members of the AAS who wish to sponsor a resident or fellow applicant with a meritorious research proposal should complete the application (see instructions) and forward it to:

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aaron@aa surg.org
www.aasurg.org

We hope that the members of AAS will encourage eligible residents and fellows to apply for this unique research opportunity. Application forms may be obtained on the AAS Web site (www.aasurg.org) or by contacting the Association's national office in Los Angeles, CA.

DEADLINE

Deadline for receipt of applications will be 11:59 pm PST on **September 1, 2011**. Please forward the original application and all material to the address above.

COMMITTEE REVIEW

A committee consisting of the councilors of the AAS and the president-elect will review all proposals. The top 3-5 rated proposals will be selected as finalists, and these applicants will be invited to interview with the selection committee at the 2012 Academic Surgical Congress. The award recipient will be selected from these finalists and will be announced at the AAS Research Awards Session at the 2012 Academic Surgical Congress.

ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD

This proposal may be submitted to other extramural funding sources for support, but this must be acknowledged on the application form. Submission for support elsewhere will not affect the evaluation of this proposal; however, in the event that more than one extramural award is offered, the investigator will be required to accept only one source of funding. The research award recipient will be introduced during the AAS Award Session at the Academic Surgical Congress. A one-page formal progress report for the research project and copies of pertinent publications resulting from the funding of the research award should be forwarded to the office of the Secretary upon completion of the two-year research project. A final report and presentation of work accomplished will be required at the Academic Surgical Congress following the conclusion of the grant.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

The 2012 AAS Foundation Research Fellowship Award for residents and fellows is provided for surgical residents and fellows who are currently enrolled in an accredited training program, have completed at least two years of postgraduate training in accredited surgery programs, and who plan to spend two years in full-time basic science or clinical/outcomes/health services/education research; the entire two-year funding period must be spent in the research fellowship. Residents and fellows in any surgical specialty or discipline are eligible. The awardee must be a candidate member or active member of the AAS. Further, there must be at least one sponsoring research mentor who is an active or senior member of the AAS; the AAS mentor does not have to be the primary research mentor. AAS officers and councilors are not ineligible to serve as research mentors. The applicant must provide letters of support from the AAS mentor and from the chair of their department.

STIPEND

This two-year award of \$20,000 per annum can be used for salary support and/or direct-cost expenditures incurred by the recipient in the conduct of original surgical research. The stipend must be used solely for purposes of the research project. Dispersal of the stipend is to be directed by the AAS mentor of the project in consultation with their department chair at the institution in which the research is conducted.

APPLICATION

Applications submitted to the review committee of the AAS must include:

1. Basic application form (enclosed)
2. Cover letter from the applicant which outlines their academic development plan for their two year research period, their short and long-term career goals, and any other relevant information that they wish the committee to consider with their application.
3. The applicant's curriculum vitae
4. A lay summary of the project (200-300 words only)
5. A comprehensive research plan organized by the applicant and approved by the AAS mentor. This should be no more than four (4) [single-spaced, Arial, 11 Pitch, 1" margin] pages inclusive of the following items:
 1. abstract for research proposal
 2. significance of research
 3. background information
 4. preliminary observations
 5. experimental plan (methods, materials, potential limitations and pitfalls)
 6. references

Applications which exceed the page limitations WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.

6. Evidence of institutional approval of research proposal (IRB, IND, University Animal Use Committee, etc.)
7. A letter from the sponsoring AAS mentor which carefully outlines their mentoring plan, and describes their past mentoring experience and track record. The letter should also confirm the research plan, as well as the availability of resources to complete the proposed research.
8. A letter of support from the chair of the applicant's department. The letter must confirm that the applicant will spend the entire two-year funding period in the research fellowship and that the department is committed to providing the additional support necessary to ensure completion of the project.
9. AAS mentor's 4-page NIH-style biosketch