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As the Foundation ends another year of programming, there are many reasons to be thankful this holiday season, and the main reason is *you*. From the support of generous donors, to the dedication of AATS mentors and host institutions, to the enthusiasm of award recipients, on behalf of AATS Foundation leadership and staff, heartfelt appreciation is extended. Thank you for making this work possible and for your commitment to supporting the future of cardiothoracic surgery.

## Apply for a Program

The AATS Foundation provides a number of educational and research opportunities to cardiothoracic surgeons around the world each year. The following programs will be accepting applications through December 1, 2020.\*

### CONGENITAL

#### Marc R. de Leval Fellowship

For North American early-career congenital heart surgeons to train at an institution in Europe or the United Kingdom for four to six weeks.

### THORACIC

#### Thoracic Surgical Robotics Fellowship—Sponsored by Intuitive Surgical

Familiarizes North American general thoracic fellows and their attending surgeons with the da Vinci robotics system during advanced training. Awardees who complete the fellowship are eligible to participate in the Advanced Lobectomy Course.

#### Thoracic Surgery Training Fellowship—Sponsored by Ethicon China

Offers young surgeons from China the opportunity to obtain advanced thoracic surgery skills at North American institutions.

### MULTI-SPECIALTY

#### AATS Foundation Cohn Lectureship

Provides a unique opportunity to bring an AATS member lecturer to a North American institution.

#### Japanese Association for Thoracic Surgery Fellowship—Sponsored by Medtronic

Engages Japanese cardiothoracic surgeons in an interactive educational opportunity to observe and converse with specialists in the treatment of heart valve disease or advanced minimally invasive thoracic surgery at select host institutions in North America.

#### Summer Intern Scholarship—Supported by Scanlan

Provides first- and second-year medical students with an eight-week summer internship in an AATS member's cardiothoracic surgery department.

#### Research Scholarship

Supports North American surgeons with a two-year grant of \$80,000 each year to pursue research, training, and clinical experience.

#### Surgical Investigator Program

Provides up to \$50,000 annually to support innovative clinical or translational research by young cardiothoracic surgeons for up to two years.

**\*Please note that this year's fall award timeline may be impacted by COVID-19.**

## The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

### Save the Date



**WTSA 47th Annual Meeting**  
June 23-26, 2021

Fairmont Empress  
Victoria, BC, Canada

#### Call for Abstracts

The 2021 WTSA Annual Meeting will be held at the Fairmont Empress in Victoria, BC, Canada, from June 23 to 26, 2021. Abstract submissions are now being accepted for presentation consideration at the 2021 WTSA Annual Meeting through Monday, January 11, 2021, at 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time. Visit the WTSA Web site at [westernthoracic.org](http://westernthoracic.org) to view author instructions and to submit abstracts.

#### WTSA Traveling Fellowship for Residents, Trainees, and Practicing Surgeons

The goal of this traveling fellowship is to promote interaction and learning between residents/trainees/