



Medical Student & Resident Opportunities Report to the TSDA

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The AATS appreciates the opportunity to provide a report to the TSDA. Please share the following important resident and medical student opportunities offered by the Association with colleagues at your institution. Additional details on these activities can be found at aats.org. All inquiries on AATS and AATS Foundations can be submitted via email to admin@aats.org.

AATS and the AATS Foundation

The mission of the AATS is to Promote Scholarship, Innovation, and Leadership for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, and its members aspire to uphold the AATS core values of Leadership, Education, Research and Innovation, Excellence in Patient Care, and Mentoring.

The AATS Foundation serves as the philanthropic arm of many AATS initiatives. The Foundation offers training awards and educational experiences in order to provide medical students, residents, and cardiothoracic surgeons with opportunities to enhance their professional development and to ensure long-term strength of the specialty.

Cardiothoracic Residents

[Denton A. Cooley Fellowship](#) - Applications Open April 1, 2020.

Provides an educational experience for North American cardiothoracic surgeons in the final year of their residencies (or those who have completed their residencies within the past two years) to study at the Texas Heart Institute and Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center.

[Honoring Our Cleveland Clinic Mentors](#) - Applications Open April 1, 2020.

Offers North American cardiac surgeons in their second year of their cardiothoracic surgery residency training a \$1,000 travel stipend to participate in a program at the Cleveland Clinic to obtain an understanding of the steps necessary to secure their first full-time academic position.

[James L. Cox Fellowship in Atrial Fibrillation Surgery](#) – Deadline to Apply: March 1, 2020.

Affords newly graduated cardiothoracic surgeons the opportunity to improve their atrial fibrillation techniques at a host institution in North America.

[Resident Involvement on AATS Committees](#)

AATS works with TSRA leadership to offer residents the opportunity to serve on the Association's Education, Scientific Affairs and Government Relations, AATS Online, and Cardiothoracic Residents Committees. Residents are involved in our interaction with the AAMC, serving as ad hoc reviewers on the AATS Annual Meeting Abstract Committee, and participating on the Editorial Board of Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery.

[Registration to AATS Meetings](#)

Residents and trainees receive access to scientific content at AATS Meetings at significantly reduced registration rates. To register, visit www.aats.org/annualmeeting

[Thoracic Surgical Robotics Fellowship](#) - **Deadline to Apply: March 1, 2020.**

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.

Annual Meeting Opportunities: AATS 100th Annual Meeting, New York, NY April 25-28, 2020.

[C. Walton Lillehei Forum](#)

Residents will have the opportunity to present their research in a competitive setting during the Lillehei Forum. This forum is designed primarily for abstracts concerning basic and translational research as well as comparative effectiveness and related research.

[Survival Guide: Your First Night on Call](#) – Pre-registration required.

Designed to present early trainees and the surgical team with common clinical scenarios which they may encounter, with an emphasis on problem-solving and communication rather than standard lectures. Attendees will participate in a number of stations to learn how to recognize, assess, and manage common post-operative complications and issues and well as develop skills for transferring this knowledge to other members of the team. This session is open to all residents in attendance during the 2020 Annual Meeting.

[Cardiothoracic Residents Luncheon: Preparing Yourself for an Academic Career](#)

Residents and medical students will be exposed to the non-technical skills associated with a career in academic cardiothoracic surgery that are important to the next generation of leaders in the specialty. This will take place Monday, April 27 12:30PM-2:00PM.

[Resident Poster Competition](#) - **Deadline to Submit: January 31, 2020.**

Enables senior cardiothoracic surgery residents and/or congenital heart surgery fellows from around the world to present a poster of their clinical or laboratory research. Posters may contain research that has been previously presented and/or published. Limited to one resident per participating institution.

[Resident Case Report Competition](#) - **Deadline to Submit: January 31, 2020.**

Provides an opportunity for residents to present an original case study on an interesting/unusual case by identifying the issues faced and the means used to resolve those issues. Successful applicants will present their cases in a competitive setting during the Annual Meeting.

[Member for a Day Program](#) – **Deadline to Apply: January 15, 2020.**

Now on its fifth year, this program provides successful applicants the opportunity to accompany an AATS Member Mentor during segments of the AATS Annual Meeting. Awardees receive complimentary registration to the meeting along with stipends to help offset travel and meal costs.

AATS Future Meetings

- Mechanical Support for the Heart and Lung Symposium: February 14-15, 2020 – Houston, TX
- Aortic Symposium: April 23-24, 2020 – New York, NY
- AATS 100 Annual Meeting: April 25-28, 2020 – New York, NY