



## **AATS Resident Opportunities Report to the TSDA**

All AATS resident opportunities are available on [aats.org](https://aats.org)

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](https://aats.org). All inquiries on AATS and AATS Foundations can be submitted via email to [admin@aats.org](mailto: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.

#### **[Alain Carpentier Honoring our Mentors Program](#) - Applications Open September 1**

This initiative supports young surgical scientists with a Carpentier AATS Foundation Award in the amount of up to \$45,000 (for up to two years) for original translational and clinical research to promote treatment advances in valvular heart disease. Applicants will be strongly encouraged to submit proposals focused on research in patient care in developing countries or areas in the US with deprivation.

#### **[Cardiac Surgical Resident Investigator Award](#) – Applications Open September 1**

Focuses on clinical and translational research initiatives including, but not limited to, topics related to quality and outcomes research, studies of new and innovative therapies, procedures, and technologies in cardiothoracic surgery.

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

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**

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.

### [Thoracic Surgical Robotics Fellowship](#) - Applications Open September 1

The AATS Foundation Thoracic Surgical Robotics Fellowship provides an advanced educational experience for North American general thoracic awardees and their attending surgeons to spend a one-day basic training course at Intuitive Surgical's Atlanta, GA or Houston, TX facilities to participate in a hands-on lab using Intuitive Surgical's da Vinci System.

### [David J. Sugarbaker Surgical Resident Investigator Award](#) - Applications Open September 1

Program focuses on clinical and translational research initiatives including, but not limited to, topics related to quality and outcomes research, studies of new and innovative therapies, procedures, and technologies in cardiothoracic 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](http://www.aats.org/annualmeeting)

## **Annual Meeting Opportunities: AATS 103rd Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA May 6-9**

### [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.

### [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, May 8 12:30PM-2:00PM.

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

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.

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

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](#)

Now on its seventh 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.