

AAO-HNSF International Visiting Scholar Program

To Take Part in Observerships and The AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO

Program Overview

With the mission of *Working for the Best Ear, Nose, and Throat Care*, the Academy and Foundation's international goal is to engage in high-quality interaction around the globe to ensure meaningful, diversified contributions to the specialty.

Launched in 2008, the intent of the International Visiting Scholar Program is to bring rising academic stars to the US from developing countries to attend the AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO and take part in short-term observerships.

Funding

The International Visiting Scholars are currently funded through individual gifts. For \$2,000 per scholarship, a 2009 scholarship may be named for the donor, e.g., the KJ Lee, MD International Visiting Scholar, or the Eugene N. Myers, MD International Visiting Scholar. For an endowment of \$50,000 or more, a scholarship may be named for a donor in perpetuity.

Goals

- To train outstanding otolaryngologists in junior faculty academic positions from developing countries so they can return to teach colleagues and raise standards of patient care.
- To create relationships with sister institutions to maintain the links forged by the scholars' experiences.

The goal is five International Visiting Scholars a year at \$2,000 each. Note: The grant will not fully cover the expenses of the visit.

Annual Meeting Attendance

The purpose of the grant is to help defray annual meeting registration, instruction course fees, and hotel expenses. The International Visiting Scholar must provide additional funding to cover expenses. On filing the application, candidates may request a visa invitation letter to show the US visa office.

At the Annual Meeting, the International Visiting Scholars will receive seating in the VIP section at the Opening Ceremony. At the International Dessert Reception, each scholar will receive a check for \$2,000 and Scholarship Certificate. The Reception takes place on the Tuesday of Annual Meeting at 8:00 pm in the headquarters hotel.

Also at the meeting, the Humanitarian Efforts Committee will recognize the International Visiting Scholars at the Humanitarian Open Forum.

Each scholar will receive a one-year complimentary subscription to our scientific journal, *Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery*, starting with the January issue after the annual meeting. This subscription includes both online access and also hard copies with any accompanying supplements.

Observerships in the US

Note: Since the grant will not cover all expenses associated with an observership, the International Visiting Scholars must provide funding for these expenses.

The goal of the observership is to expand the International Visiting Scholar's knowledge and experience and improve the care available to their patients. In most university otolaryngology

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programs, observers may attend conferences and lectures; observe clinics, the Operating Room, and rounds, in accordance with appropriate medical staff policy; and work with a mentor. For legal and insurance reasons, however, observers may not touch the patients.

Members of the International Steering Committee and the Humanitarian Efforts, International Otolaryngology, or Panamerican Committees may assist in locating appropriate observerships for International Visiting Scholars. Applicants for a scholarship must include an invitation letter from the otolaryngology program where the observership will take place. Arrangements must be finalized before International Visiting Scholars arrive in the US.

Eligibility

International Visiting Scholarships are available for outstanding international otolaryngologists from a developing countries, who are in junior faculty academic positions, five years or less from residency training and under 40 years of age.

Criteria that determine “developing” follows the World Health Organization (WHO) designation based on the most current World Bank data on Gross National Product per capita. WHO lists developing countries under its HINARI Phase 1 (70 countries) or Phase 2 (38 countries). (See list below)

Candidates must submit in electronic format (PDF or other email attachment):

1. International Visiting Scholar Application form
2. Curriculum Vitae (CV) (three pages or less)
3. Personal statement describing reasons for wishing to become an International Visiting Scholar and how the experience will help patients in their own country.
4. Letter of support from their Department or Division Chair
5. Invitation letter from the US otolaryngology program where the scholar will observe.

National otolaryngology societies and non-profit organizations known to the Humanitarian Efforts, International Otolaryngology, and Panamerican Committees may recommend candidates.

Deadline for receipt of applications (email only)—close of business May 1, 2009.

Ineligibility

International Visiting Scholar grants are NOT available to:

- Citizens of the U.S.A. or of developed countries as defined by the WHO.
- Foreign nationals who have previously attended an AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO
- Individuals who are not fully trained otolaryngologists.
- Individuals more than five years out of residency or over 40 years of age as of October 1 of the scholarship year.

Assessment

On returning home, International Visiting Scholars submit a report on their experience, which may be published in the *Bulletin* or other Academy publications. We ask scholars to describe their experiences in the US, objectives they achieved during their stay, and how the scholarship affected their career goals. In addition, we invite them to critique the program and offer suggestions for modification and improvement.

The International Visiting Scholars program is made possible by the contributions of individuals to the President’s Appeal, the Millennium Society, or the Humanitarian Restricted Fund. If you wish to support the International Visiting Scholars program, please contact humanitarian@entnet.org or send a tax-deductible check to the AAO-HNSF, 1650 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA 22314-2857, USA.) Thank you for your generous support of this unique program.

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List of Developing Countries Eligible for International Visiting Scholar Award

WHO HINARI Band 1 (Least Developed Countries)

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| 1. Afghanistan | 25. Ghana | 49. Papua New Guinea |
| 2. Angola | 26. Guinea | 50. Rwanda |
| 3. Armenia | 27. Guinea-Bissau | 51. Sao Tome and Principe |
| 4. Azerbaijan | 28. Guyana | 52. Senegal |
| 5. Bangladesh | 29. Haiti | 53. Sierra Leone |
| 6. Benin | 30. Honduras | 54. Solomon Islands |
| 7. Bhutan | 31. Kenya | 55. Somalia |
| 8. Bolivia | 32. Kiribati | 56. Sudan |
| 9. Burkina Faso | 33. Kyrgyzstan | 57. Tajikistan |
| 10. Burundi | 34. Laos | 58. Tanzania |
| 11. Cambodia | 35. Lesotho | 59. Timor-Leste |
| 12. Cameroon | 36. Liberia | 60. Togo |
| 13. Central African Rep. | 37. Madagascar | 61. Tokelau |
| 14. Chad | 38. Malawi | 62. Turkmenistan |
| 15. Comoros | 39. Mali | 63. Tuvalu |
| 16. Congo | 40. Mauritania | 64. Uganda |
| 17. Congo, Democratic Rep. | 41. Moldova Republic | 65. Ukraine |
| 18. Côte d'Ivoire | 42. Mongolia | 66. Uzbekistan |
| 19. Djibouti | 43. Mozambique | 67. Vietnam |
| 20. Equatorial Guinea | 44. Myanmar | 68. Yemen |
| 21. Eritrea | 45. Nepal | 69. Zambia |
| 22. Ethiopia | 46. Nicaragua | 70. Zimbabwe |
| 23. Gambia | 47. Niger | |
| 24. Georgia | 48. Nigeria | |

WHO HINARI Band 2

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| 1. Albania | 14. Guatemala | 27. Peru |
| 2. Algeria | 15. Iraq | 28. Romania |
| 3. Belarus | 16. Jamaica | 29. Samoa (Western) |
| 4. Bosnia-Herzegovina | 17. Jordan | 30. Serbia |
| 5. Bulgaria | 18. Kazakhstan | 31. Suriname |
| 6. Cape Verde | 19. Kosovo | 32. Swaziland |
| 7. Colombia | 20. Macedonia (FYROM) | 33. Syrian Arab Republic |
| 8. Cuba | 21. Maldives | 34. Tonga |
| 9. Dominican Rep. | 22. Marshall Islands | 35. Tunisia |
| 10. Ecuador | 23. Morocco | 36. Vanuatu |
| 11. El Salvador | 24. Montenegro | 37. Wallis and Futuna |
| 12. Micronesia, Fed. States | 25. Namibia | 38. West Bank and Gaza |
| 13. Fiji | 26. Paraguay | |