

AAO-HNSF Nancy L. Snyderman, MD  
International Visiting Scholar Program

**To Take Part in Observerships and Attend  
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.

The Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholarships are intended to bring international women otolaryngologists, who are rising academic stars, to attend the AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO and take part in short-term observerships.

Funding

The Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholarships are currently funded through individual gifts to the Nancy L. Snyderman Endowment Fund.

Goals

- To train outstanding international female otolaryngologists in junior faculty academic positions 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 female scholars' experiences.

Note: Each scholarship will not fully cover the expenses of the visit.

Annual Meeting Attendance

The purpose of the scholarship is to help pay for annual meeting registration, instruction course fees, and hotel expenses. The Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholar must provide additional funding to cover expenses. On filing the application, candidates may request an AAO-HNSF visa invitation letter to show the US visa office.

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

Also at the meeting, the Humanitarian Efforts Committee will recognize the Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholar at the Humanitarian Open Forum, which takes place on the Sunday afternoon of Annual Meeting, 3:30 pm—5:30 pm, in the convention center. The Women in Otolaryngology Section will recognize the Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholar at its General Assembly on the Monday of the Annual Meeting.

The 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 online access and print copies with any accompanying supplements. We ask for a reliable mailing address for the printed journal, such as a home address or private office, rather than a university or hospital address.

Observerships in the US

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Note: Since the scholarship will not cover all expenses associated with an observership, the Nancy L. Snyderman MD International Visiting Scholars must provide funding for these expenses.

The goal of the observership is to expand the Nancy L. Snyderman MD International Visiting Scholar's knowledge and experience and improve the care available to her patients. In most academic otolaryngology programs, an observer 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 are not authorized to participate actively in the care of patients.

The University of Pittsburgh Otolaryngology Department has agreed to host the Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholar. The Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholar must contact the department to request an invitation to visit as an observer.

## Eligibility

International Visiting Scholarships are available for outstanding international female otolaryngologists, who are in junior faculty academic positions, and under 40 years of age.

A Nancy L. Snyderman IVS candidate must submit in electronic format (PDF or other email attachment) in this order:

1. Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholar Application form
2. Curriculum Vitae (CV) (three pages or less)
3. Personal statement describing how the experience will help the candidate and her patients in her own country.
4. The AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting verification form signed by her Department Chair.
5. Letter of support from her Department Chair
6. Color photo as a .jpg attachment.

National otolaryngology societies and non-profit organizations known to the AAO-HNSF International Steering Committee and/or the Humanitarian Efforts, International Otolaryngology, and Panamerican Committees or the AAO-HNS Women in Otolaryngology may recommend candidates.

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

## Ineligibility

International Visiting Scholarships are **NOT** available to:

- Citizens of the U.S.A.
- Foreign nationals who have previously attended an AAO-HNSF Annual Meeting & OTO EXPO
- Individuals who are not female.
- Individuals who are not fully trained otolaryngologists.
- Individuals who are in private practice or not in an academic position.
- Individuals over 40 years of age as of October 1 of the scholarship year.

## Notification

Candidates will be notified by email in mid-June. The successful candidate needs to respond within three weeks of notification. A candidate who withdraws after acceptance, e.g., because of visa denial or lack

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of additional funding, must notify AAO-HNSF immediately in writing by email ([humanitarian@entnet.org](mailto:humanitarian@entnet.org)) or fax: attention Catherine Lincoln 1-703-684-4288.

### Assessment

On returning home, the Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholar submits a report on her experience, which may be published in the *Bulletin* or other Academy publications. We ask her to describe her experiences in the US, objectives she achieved during her stay, and how the scholarship affected her career goals. In addition, we invite her to critique the program and offer suggestions for modification and improvement.

The Nancy L. Snyderman International Visiting Scholars program is made possible by the contributions of individuals to the Nancy L. Snyderman Endowment Fund through the Millennium Society, or individual gifts. If you wish to support the Nancy L. Snyderman Endowment Fund, please contact [humanitarian@entnet.org](mailto: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.