

Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship, 2011-2012

Grantor: American Association for Thoracic Surgery

Closes: 7/1/2010

Maximum: \$75,000.00

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The Evarts A. Graham Memorial Traveling Fellowship was established in 1951 by the American Association for Thoracic Surgery. Funded and administered through its Graham Education and Research Foundation, the Fellowship grant supports study by young cardiothoracic surgeons from outside North America at sites of their choice within North America and include travel between sites. Goals of the program are to broaden overall training and increase international contacts. Each Fellow should plan to have one primary center for his/her activities where he/she should spend six to nine months. The Fellow should have identified an individual at that center who will act as his/her sponsor and assist in planning the course of study at the host institution and at other institutions. In addition to the primary center, the Fellow is encouraged to plan to spend shorter periods of time at other secondary centers to enhance the Fellowship experience.

Awards are made to surgeons of unique promise who have been regarded as having the potential for later international thoracic surgical leadership. Since the inception of the Graham Fellowship, 56 young surgeons from 27 countries have completed the Fellowship. The candidate must be a non-North American who plans a training program in a North American center and who has not had a significant training in North America prior to making application.

The Fellowship provides a stipend of \$75,000, a major portion of which is intended for travel expenses incurred when visiting other medical centers. The Fellowship also provides two round-trip coach air fares from the recipient's country to his/her primary center. The dates of the beginning and ending of the Fellowship year should be scheduled to coincide with the Annual Meetings of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery in May 7-11, 2011, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA and April 28 – May 2, 2012, Moscone West Convention Center, San Francisco, CA. The Fellow will be introduced at the Graham Reception in Philadelphia and San Francisco and will be expected to submit a report summarizing his/her year's experience prior to the May 2011 Annual Council Meeting.

Candidate should not have had extensive clinical training in North America prior to making application, and should be planning to return to their native country following the completion of their fellowship. "Extensive" clinical training shall mean any period of clinical training which exceeds a total of six months in duration.

The Fellow should become involved predominantly with observation, consultation, teaching and research at a variety of thoracic surgical training centers during the twelve months. Patient contact will be determined by the sponsoring surgeon and will conform to the regulations and licensing requirements of the state, province, or country in which he/she is studying.

A candidate should have completed his/her formal training in general surgery and in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, but he/she should not have reached a senior position. Candidates must be sufficiently proficient in English to realize the

full benefits of the Fellowship.

Deadline: July 1, 2010

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