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Esteemed Colleague in Surgery,

The American College of Surgeons is pleased to announce a program for international surgeons concerned with issues of quality improvement, the **International ACS NSQIP® Scholarships**. Applications are now being accepted for the year 2017. The closing date for receipt of applications and all supporting documentation is 15 February 2017.

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of \$10,000 US, participation in the annual National Surgical Quality Improvement Program conference, which takes place July 21-24, 2017 in New York, New York, and the expectation of meeting with Program Leadership and Surgeon Champions from ACS NSQIP participating hospitals. Following the NSQIP conference, the candidate will visit 1-2 hospitals reflecting the candidate's specific clinical interests. These hospitals should also have strong quality programs. Assistance will be provided to make hotel reservations in the conference city.

More information regarding the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program can be found at <http://site.acsnsqip.org/>.

I seek your cooperation in publicizing the availability of the International ACS NSQIP® Scholarships. The International Relations Committee of the College has requested that the requirements for the International ACS NSQIP® Scholarships be widely distributed and we appreciate your kind cooperation. The online requirements include all pertinent information about eligibility and a link to the online application process itself.

Scholarship requirements and the online application form may be accessed from:

<https://www.facs.org/member-services/scholarships/international/isnsqip>

Please note that scholarship applications and additional materials must be submitted in **English**.

Please direct questions to Ms. Kate Early, International Liaison, at kearly@facs.org.

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Again, the deadline for receipt of all application materials for the International ACS NSQIP® Scholarships is 15 February 2017 for attendance at the July 2017 NSQIP conference.

With many thanks for your kind assistance,

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