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TO: Women Leaders in International Surgery

Esteemed Colleagues:

I seek your cooperation in publicizing the availability of the international scholarship opportunities offered by the American College of Surgeons. The International Relations Committee of the College asks that the requirements for these programs be widely distributed and we appreciate your kind cooperation.

Since 1968, the American College of Surgeons has offered **International Guest Scholarships (IGS)** to outstanding young surgeons from countries other than the United States and Canada, who have demonstrated strong interests and accomplishments in teaching and research. **Applications are now being accepted for the International Guest Scholarships for the year 2020.**

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of \$10,000 US, participation in the Clinical Congress, and the expectation of visits to several North American clinical and research sites of the Scholar's choice. A mentor will be assigned to assist the Scholar to plan his or her tour.

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

<https://www.facs.org/member-services/scholarships/international/igs> (English)

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

(Spanish)

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

(French)

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

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation IGS is designated for a Greek or Greek heritage surgeon. The Dr. Murray Brennan IGS is designated for a surgical oncologist, preferably from Australia or New Zealand.

The International Relations Committee is very pleased to announce a related program, the **Community Surgeons Travel Awards program**



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(CSTA). This award also assists international surgeons to attend the annual Clinical Congress but places less emphasis upon their academic and publication achievements for eligibility and is open to a broader age range. This program offers a stipend of \$4,000, and includes attendance and participation at Clinical Congress, gratis admission to several postgraduate courses and a mentor to provide advice. The Duremdes Family CSTA is designated for a surgeon from a rural area of the Philippines.

Program requirements and the online application form for CSTA may be accessed from:

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

Please direct questions to the International Liaison, via email, at scholarships@facs.org, or fax: 312-202-5021.

[The deadline for receipt of all application materials for both the International Guest Scholarships and the Community Surgeon Travel Awards is 1 July 2019 for attendance at the 2020 Clinical Congress.](#)

With many thanks for your kind assistance,

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