

International Scholars Program



The SVS International Scholars Program provides scholarships to qualified young vascular surgeons from countries other than the United States or Canada. The three scholarships, in the amount of \$7,000 each, provide the scholars with an opportunity to participate in the SVS annual meeting and to visit clinical, teaching, and research activities in North America.

The scholarships provide successful applicants with the privilege of participating in the Society's annual meeting in June, with public recognition of their presence. Scholars will receive gratis admission to the postgraduate course plus admission to all lectures, demonstrations, and exhibits. The SVS International Relations Committee will assist the scholars in arranging visits following the SVS meeting to various clinics and universities of their choice.

In order to qualify for consideration by the selection committee, all of the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- Applicants must be graduates of schools of medicine.
- Applicants must be at least 35 years old, but no older than 44, on the date that the completed application is filed.
- Applicants must submit their applications from their intended permanent location. Applications will be accepted for processing only when the applicants have been in surgical practice, teaching, or research for a minimum of one year at the intended permanent location, following completion of all formal training (including fellowships and scholarships).
- Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to teaching and/or research in accordance with the standards of the applicant's country.
- Applicants whose careers are in the developing stage are deemed more suitable than those who are serving in senior academic appointments.
- Applicants must submit a completed application form provided by the Society on www.Vascularweb.org. The application and accompanying materials must be typewritten and in English. Submission of a curriculum vitae only is not acceptable.
- Applicants must provide a list of all of their publications and must submit three complete publications (reprints or manuscripts) of their choice from that list.
- Applicants must submit letters of recommendation from three of their colleagues. One letter must be from the chair of the department in which they hold academic appointment or from a member of the Society for Vascular Surgery residing in their country. The chair's or the member's letter is to include a specific statement detailing the nature and extent of the teaching and other academic involvement of the applicant. Letters of recommendation should be submitted in envelopes sealed by the recommenders. These letters are to be submitted with the completed application form.
- Applicants are required to submit a curriculum vitae of no more than 10 pages.
- Applicants must submit a photograph. (Passport size is preferable)
- The International Scholars Program must be used in the year for which it is designated. It may not be postponed.
- Applicants who are awarded scholarships are expected to provide a full written report of the experiences provided through the scholarships upon completion of their tours.
- An unsuccessful applicant may reapply only twice and only by completing and submitting a current application form provided by the Society, together with new supporting documentation.

Completed applications for the International Scholars Program for the year 2008 and all of the supporting documentation must be received by **March 1, 2007**, in order for an applicant to receive consideration by the International Relations Committee. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by July 15, 2007 for the subsequent annual meeting (11 months in advance) to allow sufficient time for arranging time off, travel, and visits to clinic and university sites in North America. Applicants are urged to submit their completed application and supporting documents as early as possible in order to provide sufficient time for processing.

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Supporting materials and questions should be directed to:

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Applications are
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