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**TO:** International Governors and Chapter Officers of the American College of Surgeons

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 2019. The closing date for receipt of applications and all supporting documentation is 2 July 2018.**

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.

I seek your cooperation in publicizing the availability of the International Guest Scholarships. The International Relations Committee of the College has requested that the requirements for the International Guest Scholarships be widely distributed and we appreciate your nation's and chapter's cooperation. The online requirements include all pertinent information about eligibility and the simplified new online application process itself.

Scholarship requirements and the improved 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/igsfrançais> (French)

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

One of the International Guest Scholarships is dedicated to a Greek or Greek heritage surgeon. The Dr. Murray Brennan IGS is designated for a surgical oncologist, preferably from Australia or New Zealand.

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The International Relations Committee is very pleased to announce a related program, **the Community Surgeons Travel Awards program (CSTA)**. This award also assists international surgeons to attend the annual Clinical Congress, but places less emphasis upon their academic and publication achievement 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 application deadline is 2 July 2018.**

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 Ms. Kate Early, International Liaison, via email, at [kearly@facs.org](mailto:kearly@facs.org), or the College's airmail address.

**[The deadline for receipt of all application materials for both the International Guest Scholarships and the new Community Surgeon Travel Awards is 2 July 2018 for attendance at the 2019 Clinical Congress.](#)**

With many thanks for your kind assistance,

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