Funding research and education today to improve the practice of tomorrow
Mission
The mission of The Thoracic Surgery Foundation (TSF) is to foster the development of surgeon-scientists in cardiothoracic surgery, increasing knowledge and innovation to benefit patient care.
Dear Colleagues, Patients, and Friends:

It has been my privilege to serve as The Thoracic Surgery Foundation’s President for the past year, and I am pleased by the significant progress the Foundation has made. This time has afforded me the opportunity to learn and experience first-hand the generosity of the members of our specialty in supporting the Foundation’s research and education initiatives.

2017 was a great year for The Thoracic Surgery Foundation. With support from The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the Foundation is continuing to thrive. TSF’s established role as STS’s charitable arm has strengthened our fundraising potential and covered our administrative costs, enabling us to have a greater impact with our mission.

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TSF is truly Your Foundation. Research grants, fellowships, and educational scholarships from TSF represent all of our disciplines (cardiac, general thoracic, and congenital) and surgeons at all career stages. The Foundation’s awards have been instrumental in developing hundreds of young surgeons by providing the support needed for their career advancement. These awards also have been important stepping stones in furthering innovation in cardiothoracic surgery.

If you have not given to the Foundation recently, I urge you to consider doing so now. And, if you generously donated in 2017, please consider another gift at this time. Let’s build on the momentum from a successful 2017 and make 2018, our 30th anniversary, our best year yet. You can click here or anywhere on the bottom of each page to make an online donation. Your generosity will help us ensure a bright future for surgeon-scientists and excellent care for our patients.

Thank you for your continued support of TSF.

Douglas E. Wood, MD
TSF President, 2017-2019
Revenue Summary

2017 TOTAL REVENUE

$1,465,129

$1,517,970

$880,422

2017 REVENUE BY TYPE

2017 TSF CONTRIBUTIONS BY TYPE

$1,465,129

INDIVIDUALS $175,180

SURGEONS $310,732

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TSF Award Offerings

Research Awards

TSF Research Award
This award provides operational support of original research efforts by cardiothoracic surgeons who have completed their formal training and who are seeking initial support and recognition for the research program. Awards of up to $40,000 per year for up to 2 years are granted to support the work of early career cardiothoracic surgeons (within 7 years of first faculty appointment at the time of application deadline).

STS Research Award
This award provides operational support of original research efforts by cardiothoracic surgeons who have completed their formal training, and who are seeking initial support and recognition for their research program. Awards of up to $40,000 per year for up to 2 years are granted to support the work of early career cardiothoracic surgeons (within 7 years of first faculty appointment at the time of application deadline). The STS Research Award designation is given to the highest-ranking research application awarded by TSF based on merit as judged by a rigorous peer review process.

Nina Starr Braunwald Research Award
Nina Starr Braunwald, MD was the first woman to be certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) and the first woman to perform open heart surgery. This award in her name provides operational support of original research efforts by women cardiac surgeons who have completed their formal training and who are seeking initial support and recognition for their research program. Awards of up to $40,000 per year for up to 2 years are made each year to support the work of early career women cardiac surgeons (within 5 years of first faculty appointment).

Nina Starr Braunwald Research Fellowship Award
This award supports up to $30,000 per year for up to 2 years for a woman resident working in a cardiac surgical clinic or laboratory research program who has not yet completed cardiothoracic surgical training.

STSA Research Award
This award provides operational support of original research efforts by cardiothoracic surgeons who have completed their formal training and who are seeking initial support and recognition for their research program. An award of up to $25,000 for 1 year will be granted to support the work of an early career cardiothoracic surgeon (within 7 years of first faculty appointment at the time of application deadline). Membership in the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA) is not required; however, applicants must meet STSA membership eligibility requirements.

NEW FOR 2018

TSF Resident Research Fellowship Award
This award provides up to $30,000 per year for up to 2 years to support a research fellowship for a resident who has not yet completed cardiothoracic surgical training. During the fellowship, the resident will work in a cardiothoracic surgical clinical or laboratory research program.

Education Awards

Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship Award
Carolyn E. Reed, MD was a thoracic surgeon, educator, and successful researcher who died while still in her prime. She served as the first female Chair of the ABTS and also was President of STSA and STS. This award in her name provides support of up to $10,000 for a clinically established woman thoracic or cardiac surgeon, or woman resident in her last year of cardiothoracic surgery residency, to travel to another institution for the purpose of learning a new skill or technology.

Michael J. Davidson Fellowship Award
Michael J. Davidson, MD was an outstanding cardiothoracic surgeon and teacher who was murdered in January 2015 at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. The tragedy profoundly affected the cardiothoracic community and brought to light Dr. Davidson’s achievements in mastering sophisticated catheter skills and advocating for a future that would meld the cardiac catheterization lab with the operating theater. This award in his name provides annual support of $25,000 for a deserving young early career cardiothoracic surgeon (within 7 years of first faculty appointment at the time of application deadline) committed to the vision of innovative and collaborative cardiovascular care that Dr. Davidson helped pioneer.
Alley-Sheridan Scholarships
Ralph D. Alley, MD was a Founder Member of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons and served as President from 1975–1976. David Sheridan was an inventor and close friend of Dr. Alley, who held more than 50 patents for innovations that have improved health care. Moved by his collaborator and friend’s commitment to cardiothoracic surgery, Sheridan created the Alley-Sheridan Fund, which provides scholarships of $2,500 toward the cost of tuition to attend the Leadership Program for Health Policy and Management at the Heller School of Public Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

Levi Watkins Innovation and Leadership Development Scholarship
Levi Watkins, MD was an accomplished cardiothoracic surgeon and social activist at The Johns Hopkins Medical Center who made medical history by working with innovative physicians and engineers to implant the first automated internal cardiac defibrillator in a human being. The Watkins Scholarship supports travel to a center of excellence for the purposes of acquiring clinical, translational, or leadership training to enhance skills and practice in an area of innovation or surgical significance. This award in Dr. Watkins’s name provides support of up to $5,000 for up to 2 weeks for cardiothoracic surgeons who are within 7 years of first faculty appointment.

NEW FOR 2018
Robert L. Replogle Traveling Fellowship Award
Robert L. Replogle, MD was a talented pediatric cardiac surgeon, as well as an educator, researcher, and national leader in cardiothoracic surgery. The purpose of the Replogle Fellowship is to facilitate the continuing education of deserving young faculty surgeons or residents committed to the treatment of congenital heart disease in neonates, infants, children, and adults. The award is intended for travel to another institution for the purpose of learning a novel technique, adapting innovative technology, and/or fostering collaboration among surgical investigators in order to further the progress of congenital heart surgery at the recipient’s home institution. This award in Dr. Replogle’s name provides support of up to $10,000 for up to 2 weeks for early career congenital heart surgeons who are within 7 years of ACGME-accredited congenital heart surgery fellowship completion (or its equivalent).

NEW FOR 2019
Sarns Terumo Perfusion Education Fellowship Award
The purpose of the Sarns Terumo Perfusion Education Fellowship is to facilitate the continuing education of a deserving board-certified perfusionist who is committed to expanding cardiovascular perfusion education and knowledge. This $10,000 award will support travel to another institution for the purpose of learning unique techniques, simulation approaches, and innovative technology to improve care for cardiothoracic surgery patients at the recipient’s home institution.
Surgical Outreach Awards

**TSF International Cardiac Surgical Outreach Award**

TSF, through the generosity and philanthropy of the Edwards Lifesciences Foundation, offers support of up to $37,500 for qualified surgeons with proven track records of volunteer experience conducting charity work for underserved regions/populations. Awards are designed to provide support for sustainable programs that educate, screen, and/or treat underserved populations to reduce the global burden of heart valve disease or support other programs that advance health care and address underserved populations.

**TSF Travel Awards**

These awards of $1,000 provide cardiothoracic surgeons who treat underserved patients and demonstrate a financial need with the opportunity to attend either the STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference or the STS Annual Meeting. Underserved people are those who have a health disparity as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and lack awareness of, or access to, medically appropriate health care. These scholarships are made possible by the Edwards Lifesciences Foundation.

NEW FOR 2018

**TSF International Medical Volunteer Scholarship**

TSF, through the generosity and philanthropy of the Edwards Lifesciences Foundation, offers travel scholarships of $2,500 for qualified cardiothoracic surgery residents and early career cardiothoracic surgeons (within 7 years of CT surgery residency completion) who wish to gain a global cardiothoracic surgery volunteer experience under the mentorship of experienced surgeon volunteers. TSF International Medical Volunteer Scholars will have the opportunity to join a TSF International Cardiac Surgical Outreach Award mission trip team.
Research + Education Award Recipients
The following recipients were notified of their awards in early February 2017.

Lisa M. Brown, MD
UC Davis School of Medicine
Carolyn E. Reed
Traveling Fellowship
$10,000
“University of Michigan Health Services Research Traveling Fellowship”

“My goal is to develop a research focus on health care delivery and quality for lung cancer patients. This award will allow me to travel to the University of Michigan’s Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation to work with Dr. Amir Ghaferi, a leading health services researcher and academic surgeon.”

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Errol L. Bush, MD
John Hopkins University
Levi Watkins Innovation and Leadership Development Scholarship
$5,000
“Development of a Successful Ex-Vivo Lung Perfusion Program at Toronto General Hospital”

“I am honored and excited to accept the inaugural Levi Watkins Innovation and Leadership Development Scholarship. The scholarship will allow me to observe an exemplary academic lung transplant program that will stimulate my innovation and development of my own model program.”

*As of March 19, 2018, includes Alley-Sheridan Scholarships

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David M. Hoganson, MD
Boston Children’s Hospital
STS Research Award
$80,000
“Endothelialized Vascular Scaffold for Lung Engineering”

“I would like to extend my gratitude to the TSF for their support of my project. I look forward to the opportunity to fully explore thoracic aortic disease in women and to continue working toward a career as a surgeon-scientist. It is an honor to be recognized by the organization and to be among these great recipients, both past and present.”

Lauren V. Huckaby, MD
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Nina Starr Braunwald Research Fellowship
$60,000
“Estrogen and Sex Differences in Bicuspid and Tricuspid Aortic Valve Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm”

“I consider it a great honor to receive this research award. The specialty of cardiothoracic surgery is fortunate to have an entity like the TSF that places such great focus on helping young surgeon-scientists like me.”

Lauren C. Kane, MD
Baylor College of Medicine
Carolyn E. Reed Traveling Fellowship
$10,000
“Learning Surgical Strategies with Later Presenting Congenital Heart Disease in India and Beyond”

“I am grateful to the TSF for providing this opportunity for me to travel away from my home institution and learn from others. The skills and knowledge that I will bring back home will benefit my patients, my practice, and hopefully inspire other learners to never stop pursuing knowledge. This is a rare opportunity that would otherwise not be available to me.”

Anson M. Lee, MD
Stanford University School of Medicine
STSA Research Award
$25,000
“Identifying the Common Final Pathway in Post-Operative Atrial Fibrillation With Transcriptome Profiling”
“I am extremely grateful to the TSF for their support. The funding will allow me to further advance the development of our regional lung cancer collaborative and provide valuable resources to support future applications for federal funding.”

Maral Ouzounian, MD, PhD
Toronto General Hospital
Nina Starr Braunwald Research Award
$80,000
“Biomechanical and Metabolic Properties of Proximal Aortic Aneurysms in Patients With Bicuspid Aortic Valves”

“The support from the TSF has provided me the opportunity to expand my research activities and to help launch my career as an independent investigator. This award will allow me to conduct an in-depth exploration of the utility of innovative imaging tools in predicting vulnerable aortas.”

Brian T. Plunkett, MD
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Michael J. Davidson Fellowship
$25,000
“Clinical Fellowship in Endovascular Cardiac Surgery”

“The award is a great honor and privilege, and I am truly indebted to the TSF for its support. The Fellowship holds a particularly deep emotional and historical place in the hearts of many people here at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. I will look to honor both those sentiments and the TSF in the year ahead.”

Hiroo Takayama, MD, PhD
Columbia University
TSF Research Award
$80,000
“Novel Noninvasive Assessment of Mechanical Stress on Aortic Valve During Continuous-Flow Left Ventricular Assist Device”

“I sincerely thank the TSF for this award. The collaborators and I are thrilled with this opportunity and are all committed to moving the cardiovascular science forward.”

David D. Odell, MD
Northwestern University
TSF Research Award
$80,000
“Development of a Novel Lung Cancer Collaborative in Illinois”

“I am very grateful to the TSF for their support. The fellowship holds a particular place in the hearts of many people here at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. I will look to honor both those sentiments and the TSF in the year ahead.”

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University of Vermont Medical Center
Addressing the Burden of Rheumatic Heart Disease in Rwanda: A Plan for Future Sustainability
$37,500

Frederick L. Grover, MD
University of Colorado
Enhancing Access to Care and Treatment of Cardiovascular Disease in Nepal
$37,500

Reza A. Khodaverdian, MD
Stanford University School of Medicine
VOOM Foundation in Nigeria
$25,000

Pranava Sinha, MD
Children’s Research Institute
Management of Rheumatic Heart Disease in Uganda
$37,500

Luca A. Vricella, MD
The Johns Hopkins University
Pediatric Cardiac Surgery Mission to Cambodia
$37,500
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The Johns Hopkins University

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Ravi Ghanta, MD
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Boston Children’s Hospital

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Barquisimeto, Venezuela
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Chizoba A. Efobi, MD
Benin City, Nigeria
STS 54th Annual Meeting

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Tacna, Perú
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Debora Klein Ferreira, MD
Porto Alegre, Brazil
STS 54th Annual Meeting

Manuel Giraldo Grueso, MD
Bogotá, Colombia
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Mauricio Damian Gomez-Gonzalez, MD
Ciudad de México, México
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Ricardo Guzman Gonzalez, MD
Durango, México
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Blas Fabián González, MD
Asunción, Paraguay
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

José M. Gutiérrez García, MD
Mérida, México
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Ciudad de México, México
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David Maldonado, MD
Guayaquil, Ecuador
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Lorena Montes, MD
Bogotá, Colombia
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Akinwumi Babatunde Ogunrombi, MD
Pretoria, South Africa
STS 54th Annual Meeting

Juan F. Parra, MD
Bogotá, Colombia
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Diego Pena, MD
Bogotá, Colombia
2017 STS/EACTS Latin America Cardiovascular Surgery Conference

Americo Peña-Oscuvilca, MD
Lima, Perú
STS 54th Annual Meeting

Alberto Alejandro A. Quintero Gomez, MD
La Estrella, Colombia
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Bogotá, Colombia
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STS/EACTS Award
Xiaoying Lou, MD
Emory University
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